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## Traffic violations Twenty deported

TWENTY people have so far been deported for repeated traffic violations.

A circular has of late been issued to all traffic departments in the country's governorates to implement the deportation of those recurrently violating traffic laws. Col Salem Abdul Wahab Al Roumi, assistant director-general of the General Traffic Department said.

He told a local daily that the department is earnestly endeavouring to sort out all traffic related problems of residents and citizens in a continuous effort to ensure safety for all road-users.

The official pointed out that the primary concern of the department is to reduce the road death toll and ensure that traffic regulations are fully respected.

To achieve this aim, sterner applications of punitive measures are being instituted to prevent drivers from showing disregard for traffic laws, Roumi said.



**Carried away**  
Lorene Helm, ex-wife of Buck Helm, the survivor pulled from the Cyprus structure collapse turns to hug her daughter, Desiree, during a hospital press conference. At centre is son, Jeff. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fleeing inmates killed

MANILA, Oct 22, (AP): Police killed 14 inmates during an escape at a provincial jail in the northern Philippines but nine others managed to get away, authorities said today.

Two other inmates were recaptured after yesterday's escape at the jail in Cabanatuan, 72 kilometres (55 miles) north of Manila.

Deputy police chief capt. Rodolfo Matias said the jailbreak began when Angel Paras, an inmate being held pending trial for robbery and murder, grabbed a guard's M-16 rifle and pistol, then struck him with the rifle butt, stabbed him with barbers' scissors, and took the keys to one of the cells.

Paras then freed 24 other inmates before they all bolted.

The guard, Oscar Orenas, survived the attack, Matias said in a telephone interview. Orenas was alone at the time and it was unclear how Paras was able to approach him unharmed.

Policemen and soldiers chased the escapees toward a nearby ricefield.

A gunbattle erupted, with inmates using the two weapons seized from the guard, Matias said. By nightfall yesterday, 11 of the inmates, including Paras, were killed. Three others were found dead today, Matias said.

No police or soldiers were reported wounded.

The rest of the escapees were able to slip through a dragnet set up by authorities under the cover of darkness, Matias said.

Authorities said two of the inmates later surrendered to Cabanatuan Mayor Honorato G. Perez. The rest are still being hunted in two nearby towns, he said.

## 'Strong, tough, ornery' Battle to save survivor's life

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 22, (Agencies): Doctors fought today to save the life of a man rescued from the rubble of a collapsed motorway nearly four days after the earthquake that struck the San Francisco area.

Buck Alvin Helm, a beefy dock worker who splits his time between the Oakland waterfront and the Klamath mountains, is "strong, tough and ornery." Those traits serves him well in a death-defying, 90-hour ordeal on a crumpled highway.

Family members, friends and an estimated 250 well-wishers gathered at the hospital where Buck Helm, 57, was being cared for by a team of doctors who said they thought he might survive.

A rescuer spotted Helm yesterday moving his hand in his car which was nearly flattened under concrete from a collapsed two-lane motorway in Oakland, across San Francisco Bay, after hope had been almost abandoned of finding anyone alive.

He suffered three broken ribs, a broken skull and a crushed leg but doctors said there was a chance he would recover.

"I think his condition is critical and his prognosis is guarded, but there certainly is a chance he's going to make it and do well," said Dr Randy Rasmussen at Oakland's Highland Hospital where well-wishers held a round-the-clock vigil.

Helm's discovery renewed efforts by about 1,000 workers to search the wreckage, using sound-monitoring equipment and infrared cameras, a state highway authority spokesman said.

## Politicos wait as Rajiv delivers

NEW DELHI, Oct 22, (Reuters): Crowds of politicians peered outside Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's tightly-guarded home this weekend, waiting for him to decide their future on a Congress ticket in next month's elections.

Inside, Rajiv was putting the finishing touches to his list of party candidates for the national parliamentary polls on November 22, 24 and 26.

"It is so do die for politicians like us. If I don't convince Mr Gandhi of my suitability in the next 48 hours, I won't be a candidate," said Ashokh Dahi.

Dahi, a Congress politician from remote Manipur state in the northeast, said he had waited at the prime minister's house for nine hours the previous day without meeting Rajiv.

He was among scores of aspirants, dressed in white cotton pyjama suits, waiting to be summoned to the office where Rajiv or his aides would decide their political future.

Rajiv's task has been complicated by infighting between older politicians owing allegiance to the socialist policies of his mother, Indira Gandhi, and those of his own generation seeking a more Westernised economy.

Rajiv, under pressure from opposition charges linking his government to an arms payoff scandal, has brought back several older politicians expelled when he came to power in 1984.

"These politicians, kicked out for corruption and conspiring against Rajiv, had to be let back because they led powerful factions in many states," said a senior Congress leader.

Rajiv tried to limit the damage to his authority by ordering local elections in key states like Uttar Pradesh, where 85 of the lower house's 545 seats are decided.

"By having simultaneous polls to both Parliament and local assemblies in some states, the prime minister has been able to satisfy the demands of powerful factional leaders," the Congress leader said.

But a bid by opposition parties to field a single candidate in each seat has put Rajiv under further pressure to ensure his choices are both capable of winning as well as acceptable to party colleagues.

# Christians accept Arab peace plan

Lebanon accord will be implemented, Saudis guarantee

TAIF, Oct 22, (Agencies): An Arab League envoy flew to Beirut today to seek the blessing of rival Christian and Muslim political leaders for an Arab mediated peace plan to end Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

George Saadeh, head of the Christian Phalange Party, said that envoy Lakhdar Ibrahim would meet with Gen. Michel Aoun and Salim Hoss.

The full session of the 63 Lebanese Parliament members scheduled here for late tonight to approve the draft peace plan was delayed until announcement.

Ibrahimi had met both men. Aoun heads the Christian government competing for legitimacy with the predominately Muslim cabinet headed by Hoss.

The full session of the Parliament, the first since Oct 5, was announced after Christian members said they had no more reservations about the peace plan.

"We've reached final and comprehensive agreement," Saadeh told the Associated Press.

Saadeh said the deputies had consulted with Aoun, head of the Christian elements of the armed forces, by telephone before the

Saadeh said if both Aoun and Hoss approved the draft plan, they would be invited to Saudi Arabia for a meeting King Fahd has scheduled with the Lebanese Parliament.

The East Beirut deputies, after reaching tentative agreement on Syria's proposals for a pullout of its troops from Lebanon, sent a four-man delegation to Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Conference sources said they asked for the guarantees from Saudi Arabia and its partners Morocco and Algeria in the Arab League mediating committee, and they also had reservations about the proposed increase of Parliament seats to 128.



Rescuers search for bodies through the wreckage of a Honduras Airlines plane. (Reuters wirephoto)

The sources said Prince Saud agreed to provide a clarification or a statement that would alleviate the concern of the deputies from East Beirut, incorporating a pledge of the committee to continue its mission until the entire peace plan was implemented.

They said the meeting with the minister also ended in agreement that the Parliament seats will be 108, equally divided between Muslims and Christians. It was not immediately clear how the issue would be resolved.

## Plane smashes into hill Honduran toll 132; no warning

TEGUCIGALPA, Oct 22, (Reuters): Survivors of a Honduran plane crash that killed 132 people said they were given no warning before the Boeing 727 smashed into the rugged hills outside the capital, Tegucigalpa.

The pilot announced that in a few minutes we were going to arrive in Tegucigalpa," said 40-year-old Honduran survivor Hernan Madrid.

"And then we entered a cloud and the plane began to shake and went down. Then there were explosions," he told reporters from his hospital bed.

Madrid was one of at least 14 people the Red Cross said survived Saturday's crash, which occurred as the plane, belonging to the Honduran airline Tan Salsa, was coming in to land at Tegucigalpa's Toncontin airport.

Boeing and US Transportation Department officials were due to arrive in Honduras today to inspect the wreckage.

Red Cross official Miguel Angel Silva said rescue workers found 132 bodies, most charred beyond recognition, at the site near the village of Las Mesitas, 20 km (12 miles) southeast of Tegucigalpa.

Tan Salsa said 138 passengers, seven crew members and one airline official were on board the flight.

The airline said there were people of 15 nationalities on the plane. The survivors were said to include Hondurans, North Americans, Australians, Spaniards and a Paraguayan.

The government said Labour Minister Armando Blanco was among the dead.

Several UN officials were reported to have been on the aircraft but their fate was not immediately known.

Honduran President Jose Azcona declared three days of mourning in the country of 4.5 million people.

US embassy spokesman Terence Kneebone said 12 Americans died in the crash and three survived.

There was no official word on the cause of the crash. Honduran officials said they recovered the plane's flight recorder.

Father Aureliano Santolaya, priest of a nearby church, said: "An explosion was heard when we were in mass and we came over immediately but there was nothing we could do because the plane was in flames."

## 'We have the knowledge' N-bomb not now: Benazir

BONN, Oct 22, (Reuters): Pakistan knows how to make nuclear bombs but has no intention of doing so, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto told the West German newspaper Die Welt.

"It is true that Pakistan has certain knowledge in the nuclear field but it has no intention of using this knowledge," she said in an interview.

"To put it another way, we do not want to convert this knowledge into — shall we say — a nuclear capability at the present time."

A report by US researchers said in May that both India and Pakistan had made advances in nuclear arms. India was poised to test a hydrogen bomb and Pakistan was developing an atomic bomb for use with US-made F-16 aircraft, the report said.

Benazir told Die Welt Pakistan and India should do what they could to prevent a nuclear arms race in the region. The two countries, South Asia's biggest military powers, have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

Benazir proposed arms control talks and a mutual ban on nuclear weapons during a visit by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Islamabad in July. Rajiv did not respond directly.



**Chip off the old block**  
Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, holding her son Bilawal, arrives at Kuala Lumpur's airport after a two-day retreat on Langkawi island. Benazir left the Commonwealth heads of government meeting two days earlier than the other leaders. (Reuters wirephoto)

## UK Muslim leader says he might kill Rushdie himself

LONDON, Oct 22, (Reuters): A British Muslim leader renewed calls for writer Salman Rushdie's death today and said he might kill the author of "The Satanic Verses" himself if he had the chance.

Kalim Siddiqui, head of the influential Muslim institute, said he would not attack Rushdie in Britain. "But if I came across him in a desert in Saudi Arabia and I was properly equipped, I might not take British law into account," he told the national news agency.

Siddiqui, speaking at a meeting in the northern city of Manchester yesterday, called a vote on whether the late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's death threat against Rushdie should be carried out.

"I would like every Muslim to raise his hand in agreement with the death sentence on Salman Rushdie," he said.

"Keep your hands up. Let the world see that every Muslim agrees that this man should be put away," he said, when a vast majority of the 300 people cramping a hall in the northern city of Manchester raised their hands.

Last February, the Ayatollah called on Muslims to kill Rushdie, accusing him of slandering the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) in "the Satanic Verses."

Rushdie went into hiding as the storm over the book swept the Islamic world and stirred sometimes violent protests in Britain.

The Bishop of Manchester, Stanley Booth-Clibborn, told the same Manchester meeting: "I regret the death threat has been repeated and that the great majority should put up their hands."

INVESTIGATIONS into four Iranian nationals accused of forging stamps of Kuwait Municipality to market spoiled eggs in the local market have been completed by the Ministry of Interior, a local daily reported.

According to sources, the gang was headed by Yacoub Muraad who has been trading in eggs for the last 30 years in Kuwait and is considered as "egg merchant king" in Kuwait. The other three accused have been identified as Yacoub Jamshiri, Ali Riza Nad Ali and Ali Fili.

Investigations revealed that the gang succeeded in bribing a number of former employees at the Municipality who were working at the foodstuff control of Shuwaikh Vegetable Market. These bribes were paid to facilitate the arrival of a large consignment of eggs and marketing them without being inspected

## No plan to buy Mirage: Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 22, (AP): Kuwait has no plans to buy French-made Mirage 2000 jet fighters at present, a senior commander was quoted today as saying.

Maj. Gen. Jaber Khaled Al Sabah, deputy chief of staff of the armed forces, said a deal with the United States for 40 F-18 warplanes is enough to fulfill Kuwait's needs for the time being.

"Kuwait considers the F-18 warplane suitable for its air force," he said. "But this does not mean that other planes are inferior to it."

He was quoted as saying that "Kuwait has no intention at present of buying the Mirage 2000 jet."

## Weather

Temperature will remain around normal with light to moderate northwesterly wind.	
State of sea: Slight to moderate	
High water: 4.00 am, 8.00 pm	
Low water: 1.00 pm	
Sunrise: 5.54 am	
Sunset: 5.10 pm	
Maximum temperatures recorded:	
Kuwait: 30°C 86°F	
Ahmad: 31°C 88°F	
Falaka: 30°C 86°F	
Minimum temperatures recorded:	
Kuwait: 15°C 59°F	
Ahmad: 20°C 68°F	
Falaka: 21°C 70°F	
Maximum temperatures expected:	
Kuwait: 32°C 90°F	
Ahmad: 33°C 91°F	
Falaka: 34°C 93°F	
Maximum humidity recorded:	
Kuwait: 47 per cent	
Ahmad: 52 per cent	
Falaka: 44 per cent	

## INTERNATIONAL

## Lives changed forever

Quake destroys heart of Santa Cruz in 15 seconds

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22, (AP) — In 15 seconds, as deep, jagged fissures cut through the Santa Cruz mountains and earthquake waves rocked a World Series crowd, euphoria turned to fear and life may have changed forever for millions of Californians.

It came without warning. The only sound seemed like distant thunder in the mountains — until the cruel, random destruction began.

Then there were the sickening sounds of crashing cars, broken glass, and crumbling houses.

Fifteen seconds. Time enough to kill dozens, injure thousands, displace more than 10,000 people and wreck billions of dollars worth of damage. Time enough to send a jolt up and down the state and across the valleys and deserts.

In the first five seconds, the heart of picturesque Santa Cruz was destroyed. Hundred-year-old homes, survivors of the 1906 great quake, were gone. Quaint downtown shops were reduced to rubble. Longtime residents later would talk about leaving the city prized for its free-spirited lifestyle, surfing beaches and historic boardwalk.

About 10 seconds later, the towering Bay Bridge — symbol of a world series between the San Francisco giants and Oakland Athletics that had infused the Bay area with giddiness and pride — partially collapsed and a section of Interstate 880 came smashing down on rush-hour commuters.

Candlestick Park, where 62,000 fans waited for the start of game 3 of the series, quivered violently but didn't fall. Amazingly, there was no panic, no stampede for the exits. Indeed, a wild roar erupted from the fans who took the quake as an omen of the Giants' comeback from two losses.

At the same moment, apartment buildings and condos worth millions of dollars tumbled or caught fire in San Francisco on the soft landfill in the Marina district, a mile (1.6 kilometres) from fisherman's wharf. Luxury cars were crushed by the bricks and debris. Remnants of the good life lay on the



Two firemen take a break from rescue operations to catch up on their sleep in Oakland, California.

sidewalks and littered streets — stereos, video-recorders, skis, golf clubs — carried out by desperate residents trying to salvage whatever they could.

Oakland's ornate city hall was rendered unusable, along with a dozen other buildings. Homes and businesses in Silicon valley, the high-tech centre of the nation located between Santa Cruz and San Francisco, somehow escaped with relatively little damage. Skyscrapers in the cities swayed but didn't fall.

When the quake struck, it was the start of "happy hour" in many restaurants and bars, and patrons were gathered to watch the series.

Suddenly, bottles and glasses and mirrors flew in every direction.

Children waiting to be picked up from day care centres began wailing as they tumbled among the scattering toys.

Water sloshed out of pools, dishes fell, liquor stores and supermarkets had bottles and groceries splattered on the floor.

No one who survived those 15 seconds of terror at 5:04 pm on Oct. 17, 1989, is likely to forget where he or she was, just as those who lived through the great quake of 1906 never forgot what happened to them.

They are trying to return to

normal life, but it is difficult when the evidence of ruin is so widespread and more than 1,500 aftershocks have hit.

"This is one of those events... that almost everyone who lived through it will remember in detail," said Donald Tarver, a psychiatrist with the mission crisis unit in San Francisco. "It had a life-changing context for those who lost homes or loved ones and it could have life-changing consequences for many others who shared in an event with such a wide impact."

It all began 10 miles (16 kilometres) underground in the mountains along the San Andreas fault, the boundary between the North American and Pacific tectonic plates, which move sideways to each other at the rate of two inches (five centimetres) a year.

The fault, straight in some places, curves like the letter "s" in the San Cruz area, 57 miles (91 kilometres) south of San Francisco, causing both horizontal motions and compression, according to Robert Uhrhammer, research seismologist for the University of California-Berkeley seismographic station.

On Tuesday, when the strain exceeded the strength of the rock, the earth's crust ruptured, unleashing a force that Uhrhammer

said was equivalent to about 30 million tons of high explosives — nearly 10 times the total of explosive power of all bombs in World War II, including the two atomic bombs.

Compression waves shot out in all directions at the rate of 18,000 miles per hour (30,000 kilometres per hour), followed by the more damaging horizontal shear waves travelling at 10,800 miles per hour (17,000 kilometres per hour) and elliptically shaped waves going 7,800 miles per hour (12,500 kilometres per hour).

The Berkeley station's instruments measured the magnitude of Tuesday's quake at seven on the Richter scale, a bit more than the 6.9 magnitude registered on the Alaska-based seismograph of the US geological survey.

In a few weeks, scientists from around the world will meet to compare notes and tag the quake with its official reading.

When the quake hit Candlestick, Giants centre fielder Brett Butler was stretching down the right-field line. The first thing he saw was the lights blinking off one by one.

"I thought there was a ceremony they hand't told us about," he said.

## Debate over hijab rages in France

400 rally in Paris in favour of wearing the scarf

PARIS, Oct. 22, (AP) — The decision of three North African girls to wear the Muslim head covering to junior high school classes has exploded into an intense national debate over religion in public schools.

At issue is the secularity of education, enshrined in French law since the official separation of the church and the state in this largely Roman Catholic country in 1905, and whether wearing the "hijab" covering hair, ears and neck amounts to proselytism.

About 400 people shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) demonstrated in Paris today in favour of wearing the hijab. The demonstration was called by the Islamic Association of France and the Voice of Islam,

which organised the demonstrations a few months ago against the Salman Rushdie novel "The Satanic Verses."

Women wearing scarves carried banners reading in Arabic and French, "The hijab is our honour." The two groups, however, represent only a minority of Muslims in France.

The brouhaha began in early October at Creil, 60 kilometres (40 miles) north of Paris, where Leila Achaoui, 15, her sister Fatima, 14 and their friend Samira, 14, all of Tunisian origin, were told by the principal they could not wear the hijab to school.

The girls demurred. The debate grew. Negotiations started. Similar cases sprang up in Marseille, Avignon and Montpellier. A compromise was reached at Creil where the girls were allowed to wear hijabs to school, but not in class. Again they demurred.

Religious leaders — Muslim, Jewish and Christian — seemed to see little harm in the wearing of the hijab. School and union leaders came down soundly on the side of keeping all signs of religion out of schools, saying secularity is one of the pillars of French democracy. Political leaders waffled.

The most sensible remark seemed to come from Alain Goldmann, the grand rabbi of Paris, who said: "The encounter of the French children with the 'difference' (among people) is an excellent pedagogical technique. They learn to know and respect others."

The most hysterical came from Bernard Antony of the extreme right National Front. He said wearing of the hijab was "the beginning of the Lebanonization of France because it is obvious that if we continue to allow hundreds of thousands of Muslims to enter France we cannot indefinitely deprive them of their customs, their rites, and when they become the majority, they will not hesitate to apply the sharia (Islamic law)."

Islam is the second-largest religion in France with 2.5 million adherents.

Ernest Cenerives, principal of the Gabriel Havez Junior High School in Creil where it all began says he is only doing his job applying French regulations against religion in schools.

The scarf clearly is "a proselytic declaration" by the three girls, he said. "Imagine if it was not just three young girls, but 1,000 or 50,000."

In Montpellier, 14-year-old Loubma Ryad, who had been wearing her scarf to school for more than two years, suddenly was asked to stop. Her parents withdrew her from school.

There is general confusion over what exactly the scarf is. Many indiscriminately refer to girls being "veiled," which they are not, or that they are wearing the "chador," which they are not. Nonetheless, these terms are used indiscriminately.

The official Iranian news agency Irna, in its report on the issue, criticised the French for invoking an old law against Muslims "while wearing of crosses by Christian students, and the special hats by Jews or their absence from classrooms on Saturdays has not caused any problems for the secular schools in France."

Premier Michel Rocard, in a statement that more than one newspaper called a new French record for incomprehensibility, said: "Even when intolerance wins, there remain men to hold firmly to the just position, which is that of unconditional respect for others and therefore their opinions. That goes for points of view on the conduct of public power and the secularity of the state. That goes also inside of each of our religious thoughts."

Danielle Mitterrand, wife of President Francois Mitterrand, said: "If 200 years after the revolution, secularity is not able to welcome all religions, all the (religious) expressions in France, it would be a step backward."

## 2 injured in trains crash

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio, Oct. 22, (UPI) — An Amtrak passenger train with about 228 passengers and crew collided with a freight train early today, injuring at least two people, authorities said.

Deborah Hare, a spokeswoman for Amtrak in Chicago, said the Chicago-bound Broadway Limited from New York struck the 116-car CSX freight train shortly after 5:30 am (0930 GMT).

Hare said the two-engine, 15-car passenger train hit the 13th car of the freight train, but details of how that happened were not immediately known.

## 1 dies in bungled attack in Greece

MYTILINI, Greece, Oct. 22, (Reuters) — An air force man was killed today when he bungled a bomb attack aimed at Greek conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis.

Police said Michalis Pavlis, a 33-year-old warrant officer working at the air force communications centre on the Aegean island of Lesbos, was blown up as he placed the time-bomb in the ventilation shaft of a municipal theatre shortly after midnight.

His dismembered body was identified by his brother.

Mitsotakis, leader of the New Democracy Party, was due to speak at the theatre in the island's capital Mytilini later today.

His party, which rules in coalition with the Communist Party, hopes to win an absolute majority in a general election in two weeks' time.

Mitsotakis is running as a candidate on Lesbos, a traditional left-wing stronghold. Last month left-wing guerrillas shot dead his son-in-law Paul Bakoyannis in Athens.

Mitsotakis told supporters on Lesbos: "Certain attempts might be made to block the smooth course towards elections."

The explosion at 12:05 am (2205 GMT Saturday) blew out windows and damaged a wall separating the theatre's main hall and the courtyard, a police official said who asked that his name not be used.

The official said Pavlis, who was carrying the bomb was "blown to bits but no one else was injured by the blast which was heard throughout Mytilini." Pavlis was identified when car keys were found in his pocket belonging to a Citroen car with a Greek licence plate parked near the theatre, police said.

Stratis Korakas, a candidate running on the coalition's ticket who was present in the theatre's foyer when the bomb went off, said it was designed "to create havoc and undermine the calm pre-electoral climate" for the Nov 5th national elections.

Demolition experts searching through the debris in the courtyard determined that it was a time bomb that Pavlis was carrying which apparently went off prematurely.

## Tiger leader in Colombo

## Jayewardene quits politics

COLOMBO, Oct. 22, (Agencies) — Former President Junius R. Jayewardene, who governed for 11 years as his island nation slid deeper into ethnic violence, says he is finished with politics and has resigned from the United National Party he once personified.

"I have retired from all political activity but don't have any differences with the UNP," the 85-year-old Jayewardene told the Associated Press. "I am a private citizen and have completely given up politics."

Jayewardene triggered a flap both in the United National Party and among opposition parties last month when he proposed a national unity government be formed from all parties to try to end the murderous political and ethnic strife that has claimed 16,000 lives since 1983.

Barred by the constitution from seeking another term, Jayewardene was succeeded as President in January by fellow United National Party member Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Nicknamed "the old fox" for his political acumen, Jayewardene has been a major political force for half a century in Sri Lanka.

He is a member of the island's ethnic Sinhalese majority, which has dominated Sri Lanka's political, military and economic establishments since independence from Britain in 1948.

He served as minister of



agriculture, minister of finance and opposition leader before assuming leadership of the government as prime minister in 1977.

The third in command of Sri Lanka's most formidable Tamil militant group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) arrived for the first time in Colombo today, flown from the Tiger jungle hideout in northern Mullaitivu, LTTE sources said.

Sathasivam Krishnakumar, alias Kirtu, a central committee member of the LTTE flew to the capital along with leaders Anton Balasingham, Mrs. Kalasingham, Yogi and Thilakar, who had earlier gone to Mullaitivu for consultations with the Tiger leader. Political sources believed Kirtu's arrival was ostensibly to participate in the north east peace committee which the government has mooted under the Indo-Sri Lankan joint communiqué.

## Sylhet students clash

DHAKA, Oct. 22, (AP) — A college in the northeastern town of Sylhet was closed after at least 42 students were wounded in a gun battle between Muslim fundamentalist and secular students, police said today.

They said the trouble broke out yesterday when members of the Islamic Student Forum and a coalition of 16 secular groups tried to hang banners at the same time from the gate at M.C. College.

Ten of the injured were in serious condition, Sylhet police said. The college has been shut down for the rest of the month, they added.

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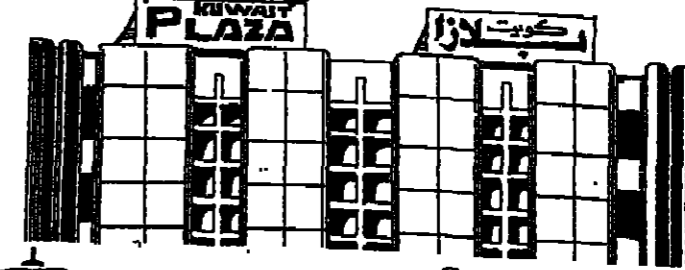
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# Gigli's collection hailed

A cascade of opulence

PARIS, Oct 22, (Reuters): Italian designer Romeo Gigli has done it again. His spring and summer collection was a shimmering cascade of opulence that swept all in its path, making more sober designers look dowdy in comparison.

Yesterday's show, only the second the young designer has brought to Paris, was dubbed ready-to-wear but had all the golden richness of haute couture.

The Byzantine touch Gigli used to such effect in his winter collection was evident again, lightened for summer with wispy chiffons, transparent gauzes and net fabrics.

Glossy riding jackets topped slacks cut from glowing reds, greens and oranges, while Gigli varied the diet by introducing some figure-hugging cat suits covered with dull sequins.

There was an other-worldly, fairytale feel about the whole collection, which had buyers and journalists pressing into alleyways for a glimpse and photographers snapping each other for room.

Ethereal models, their necks draped with chains of glass whelks and bells, their hair spiked with silver periwinkles, looked like mermaid princesses.

Hobbled skirts were pouffed layers of flimsy chiffon or transparent lengths of fish-netting, while breasts were wrapped in carelessly knotted swathes of dull velvet.

To top it all came queenly capes in dull gold, dusky ruby, salmon-pink and turquoise, cut from stiff metallic fabrics that changed hue as the models moved.

The star of the show was a dazzling sun sprite — a model crowned with shells and jangling with fringes of venetian-glass baubles which fell from her bust to the floor.

Fashion experts are very excited by Gigli, whose unashamed opulence they see as holding the secret to the 1990s. They predict designers will give up their present habit of resuscitating the styles of the past and concentrate instead on embellishment.

Japanese designer Issey Miyake is just as much of an individual as Gigli. His collection crossed the line between fashion and fine art when he paraded some extraordinary dresses sculpted from thousands of fine pleats.

Miyake says nature is his first source of inspiration. And the pleats were pulled, pinched, curved and boxed to suggest



Laetitia Scherrer, model for French designer Jean-Louis Scherrer, wears a leopard skinprint ensemble presented by Scherrer. Miss Scherrer is also the daughter of designer Scherrer. (Reuters wirephoto)

tropical fish, sea anemones, beetles and birds.

"I'm always trying to do something that hasn't been done before, using new fabrics and techniques. Clothes aren't dangerous so you might as well aim to shock," said the designer with a smile after the show.

The earlier outfits were more wearable — snappy trousers and jackets in yellow, black and red stripes which came with bags and rucksacks shaped into turtles, fox-heads and others.

Echoing the current faking for legs, Miyake also showed some elasticated hot pants in bright blues, whites and blacks and patterned shorts worn over matching slacks.

Going one step further he showed some skin-tight cat suits,

which looked great on the perfectly-proportioned models but could be less flattering on the woman in the street.

Safari, Caribbean jump-ups and circus gymnasts were just a few of the themes sparking yesterday's shows of 1990 Summer Fashions. Curvy and feminine clothes abounded everywhere from Claude Montana to Jean-Louis Scherrer.

Montana — who has just been chosen to design couture for the house of Lanvin — seemed to be skipping on his ideas for his own house, perhaps saving up for January when he'll show for Lanvin.

He concentrated on rigorously honed-down but perfectly made, curvaceous clothes, much softer than many of his past styles.

# 'Nobody knows the president better than his wife' Nancy's book 'My Turn' reveals all

WASHINGTON, Oct 22, (AP): Former first lady Nancy Reagan says she failed to talk her husband into retiring after one term in the White House, then argued in his second term that he should tone down his anti-Soviet rhetoric.

Nancy discusses some of her disagreements with former President Ronald Reagan and his advisers in her new book, "My Turn," co-authored with William Novak, and scheduled for publication Friday by Random House.

She makes light of her influence at times but leaves no doubt that she expressed herself strongly on many personnel and other decisions of Reagan's administration.

"Had it been up to me," she writes, "Ronald Reagan might well have been a

one-term president."

She says that in 1983, missing her friends and her home in California and concerned for her husband's safety after one attempt on his life, she tried to persuade him not to run again.

Reagan was determined to seek re-election so that he could work for his policies for another four years and because he believed it had been too long since a president had served a full two terms, she says.

"The West Wing has traditionally seen itself as the sole centre of power, and the men surrounding the President have resented any assertion of independence and autonomy on the part of the first lady," she writes. "But it doesn't have to be that way. After all, nobody knows the President bet-

ter than his wife."

Nancy also discusses her marriage to the future president on March 4, 1952, saying they experienced a difficult first year.

"During that year we had our first child, Patti, who was born — go ahead and count — a bit precariously but very joyfully, on October 22, 1952."

In an interview published in today's editions of the Los Angeles Times, Nancy said of Patti's conception: "Uh, if you're asking if I ever lived with Ronnie, 'No, I did not.' Um, but you're also talking about a man in his 40s and a woman — what? — in her late 20s. We're not talking about teenagers. And we knew we were going to get married."

The former first lady says her husband was never a "warmonger," but "his calling

the Soviet Union an evil empire was not particularly helpful in establishing a dialogue with the other side."

"The world had become too small for the two superpowers not to be on speaking terms, and unless that old perception about Ronnie could be revised, nothing positive was likely to happen," she writes.

"Some of his advisers wanted him to keep up the tough rhetoric, but I argued against it and suggested that he tone it down. As always, Ronnie listened to various points of view and then made the decision that he thought was best."

Many of the stories Nancy tells have been told before from different perspectives, but the book gives some new insights into the view of the Reagan administration

## Atlantis asked to land earlier

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct 22, (AP): Flight controllers told the Atlantis astronauts today to return to earth three hours early tomorrow to avoid predicted high winds at the California landing site.

The new landing time at Edwards Air Force base in the Mojave desert is 9:33 am (1633 GMT).

Initially, the shuttle crew was told to prepare to land one orbit earlier than planned, but NASA officials said today they wanted the shuttle to land two orbits earlier. Each orbit is 90 minutes.

Officials decided to land earlier because winds at the Mojave desert base normally are lighter in the morning, flight director Ron Dittmore said yesterday.

"We're just going to have to watch the winds real closely," Dittmore said.

Early today, an alarm sounded in the space shuttle, signalling a high temperature reading on an auxiliary power unit heater. A crew member solved the problem by adjusting a sticky thermostat and shifting the position of the shuttle so the section of the vehicle housing the unit was not in the sun.

Later in the day, the five crew members planned to hold a news conference in space, answering questions from reporters at the Johnson Space Centre in Houston.

Yesterday, astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz, a naturalised US citizen who was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, spoke from orbit with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, the 1987 Nobel peace prize winner.

Arias praised Chang-Diaz for his accomplishments, saying he had "become an example to the young people of Costa Rica and of Latin America in general."

Chang-Diaz, a physicist, discussed the flight with the Costa Rican president in Spanish, saying, "It has been a marvelous mission." He also said the crew had taken several photographs of Costa Rica and he hoped to show them to Arias after the mission.

"We feel exceedingly proud of everything you have accomplished. In reality, you raise high the name of Costa Rica and of Latin America in general," Arias told Chang-Diaz, who has been a hero in his homeland since his first trip to space in 1986.

Arias invited the crew members to a space conference next March.

"I don't have words to thank, on behalf of our people, all of you for what you are doing for the welfare of humankind," Arias said.

The Galileo probe dispatched by the crew on Wednesday continued to perform well as it sped along more than 800,000 miles (1.2 million kms) from earth on a 2.4-billion-mile (3.6-billion-kms), six-year trip to Jupiter, NASA said.

Mission director Neil Aumann said the craft had measured radiation from a large solar flare that erupted on the sun on Thursday but its computer memory was not affected by the large dose.

A Navstar navigation satellite rocketed into orbit yesterday to join a network of spacecraft that guide bombers, warships, missiles and ground troops with pinpoint accuracy.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES



### Gabor Rolls sold

Zsa Zsa Gabor raises her arms to try to silence the crowd in auction rooms at Warner Centre Marriott Oct 21. Gabor was selling one of her two Rolls Royces. The mid-night blue Silver Spur Rolls Royce was sold for \$80,000. (Reuters wirephoto)

EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts: A black warm-up jacket owned by actor Gregory Peck brought \$530 at the fifth Marjorie's Vineyard Celebrity Hat Auction.

The auction, where more than 100 hats were sold, raised \$7,500 dollars for a child-care programme on the island of Cape Cod, organisers said.

Joan Baez contributed a worn and battered straw hat with the singer's signature on the brim. "You're really getting an oldie but a favourite," Baez wrote in a letter that came with the hat.

Judy Belushi, an auctioneer, held up the hat noting bent and worn places. "It didn't get this way in her closet," Belushi said. The hat sold for \$150. (AP)

ATLANTA: Arista Records plans to record Whitney Houston and other big-name artists at a new recording studio that company officials hope will make Atlanta "the Motown of the south."

The studio will be part of a new label Laface, and will be run by Antonio Reid and Kenny Edmonds, Arista president Clive Davis says.

The pair, who have written or produced songs for artists such as Paula Abdul, Bobby Brown and Stevie Nicks, recently moved to Atlanta from Los Angeles, Davis said.

In a memo to Arista employees in New York, Davis said Reid and Edmonds "will produce a limited number of outside projects — including, at my specific request, Whitney Houston."

Ms. Houston's first two LPs, "Whitney Houston" and "Whitney," have total sales of about \$15 million. (AP)

NEW YORK: The private art collection of the late chairman of the Campbell Soup Co. drew \$131 million at auction, the highest total ever for a single owner's collection, Sotheby's Auction House said Saturday.

John T. Dorrance Jr.'s collection, sold in four sessions this week, included paintings by Pablo Picasso, Claude Monet, Vincent van Gogh and Paul Cézanne as well as garden statues, French furniture and assorted porcelain, said Diana Brooks, president of the North American division of the British auction house.

Brooks said the Dorrance collection "possessed strong sense of character which appealed to a wide spectrum of collectors." (AP)

## Jump-off despite danger

FAYETTEVILLE, West Virginia, Oct 22, (AP): At least six parachutists leaped off the country's second tallest bridge yesterday in defiance of official warnings that flooding made the jump too dangerous on the one day a year it is allowed.

No injuries were reported, but police cited at least one of the parachutists who jumped from the new River Gorge National Bridge.

The National Park Service and a group organising the jump as part of the annual bridge day celebration called it off yesterday, saying the river, running 11-12 feet (3.5 metres) above normal, had flooded all safe landing sites.

Authorities did not set another date for the jump because they could not predict when water would subside. Parachutists had travelled from as far away as Europe and Australia, and 100,000 spectators had gathered.

Last year, more than 100,000 people turned out to watch 300 divers perform 600 jumps from the centre of the bridge.

"I didn't come here to spin doughnuts," said Gerald Harendza, 30, before making the 8-second leap. "It's not dangerous."

## France attacks UK, US

PARIS, Oct 22, (UP): France criticised United States and Britain yesterday for insisting on leaving the door open to mining in the Antarctic at a conference on the virgin continent. Deep-sea explorer Jacques Cousteau lambasted the Anglo-American delegates for acting like "real dictators."

French Environment Minister Brice Lalonde made the remarks during a news conference assessing the 15th Antarctic Treaty conference that ended in Paris Friday night after two weeks of talks. The 39 signatory nations agreeing to hold two special conferences next year in Chile to try and resolve differences over the future of the isolated corner of the globe.

One conference will be an extraordinary session on protecting the environment in the near-pristine continent. France and Australia led nations in favour of that conference, hoping it will designate Antarctica as "natural reserve" free of mining and unsuitable commercial exploitation.

The other session decided Friday will review the Wellington Convention drawn up without being unanimously ratified last year, which would leave room under strict conditions for mineral exploitation, as the United States, Britain, and the Soviet Union want.

Lalonde thanked Belgium, Greece, Italy, India and Austria for supporting France and Australia during the Paris conference.

## Bill on abortion vetoed by Bush

CAMP DAVID, Md., Oct 21, (Reuters): President George Bush yesterday vetoed legislation that would have provided federal government funding of abortions in cases of rape and incest.

"I have informed Congress on numerous occasions that I would veto legislation if it permitted the use of appropriated funds to pay for abortions other than those in which the life of the mother would be in danger of a fetus carried to term," the President said in a statement from Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland.

Bush's veto was expected after efforts to reach a compromise with members of Congress had broken down early in the week.

Earlier this month the House of Representatives voted for the first time in eight years to permit payment for abortions for poor women in cases of rape or incest

and in another setback for those who oppose abortion, the Florida state legislature refused to restrict abortions.

The government only pays for abortions when a pregnant woman's life is in danger.

Bush vetoed the legislation at a time when public opinion polls show a majority of Americans resist more restrictive rules on abortions.

The veto puts Bush at odds with two top Democrats in Congress, House Speaker Tom Foley and Senate majority leader George Mitchell who said it would deny the right of free choice to the poorest, most vulnerable women.

However, Foley has acknowledged that the house was unlikely to muster the two-thirds majority vote needed to override a veto.

### Anti-nuclear 'worm'

## Attack on computers

GENEVA, Oct 22, (Reuters): An anti-nuclear computer buff has set loose a "worm," or rogue programme, that is trying to attack computer networks world-wide, a physicist said yesterday.

The programme, called "worms against nuclear killer," tried in the past week to crack computers at the European Organisation for Particle Physics (Cern), said the physicist, who works at Cern.

It caused a great deal of trouble," said the scientist, who asked not to be identified. "It appears that somebody thinks Cern has to do with nuclear power or nuclear weapons."

Cern, the French acronym for the organisation's former name, the European Centre for Nuclear Research, is a pan-European institute straddling Geneva's border with France, and is linked to major computer networks around the world.

It was not clear where the worm originated or who its creator was, but the scientist said Cern had received warnings about it from laboratories in the United States, indicating it may have come from there.

## Bartender gets an unexpected tip of \$10,000

EUSTIS, Florida, Oct 22, (UPI): A bartender got what might be the biggest gratuity in history, an unexpected \$10,000 tip from a regular customer who usually gives her lottery tickets.

Bartender Tammy Bohmann, 24, was putting in her usual seven hours one day this week when customer Carl Hale sauntered in. She poured him the usual — a whiskey and coke. He left his usual tip: Florida lottery tickets — this time four of them.

But what happen next was most unusual.

Bohmann said she scratched off the four tickets in between serving her regulars at the boozegais saloon. One was a \$2 winner, one was a free ticket and the other two were duds.

Hale took the tickets and ran across the street to get three more \$1 scratch-off cards with her winnings.

The first was another free ticket and the second was worthless. But on the third ticket she hit the jackpot.

"When I scratched it off, it had three \$10,000s," Bohmann said. To win, the ticket

must have the same dollar amount three times. "I was in shock," she said.

So was Hale, 56, a retired businessman who considered himself a generous tipper, but not that generous.

On his \$15 tab, the \$10,000 works out to 66,666 per cent, which is a bit higher than what Hale normally leaves.

But he's been grumbling about the whole affair. Bohmann gave him \$500 of the \$8,000 she received after taxes, but he thinks she should have given him more.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Lisbeth: sabotage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 22. (AP) The widow of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme said yesterday that police and the press "sabotaged" the inquiry into her husband's murder and the subsequent trial.

Lisbeth Palme was the chief witness against Christer Pettersson, a 43-year-old local man, a criminal who was convicted in July of the slaying, then acquitted this month by an appeals court.

Mrs. Palme made her first direct public comment on Sweden's "trial of the century" in a 30-minute TV interview. She accused the Swedish tabloids and other media of interfering in the inquiry, hounding her and buying information from sources, including police.

## Charges filed

LONDON, Oct. 22. (AP) Scotland Yard filed charges yesterday against one of its former officers who is accused of attempting to extort £1.25 million (\$2 million) from a baby food manufacturer.

Rodney Whitehead, 43, was held in custody pending a court appearance tomorrow.

Scotland Yard said Whitehead, now a private security officer, was charged in a conspiracy to demand £1.25 million from H.J. Heinz and Co.

## Crew rescued

STAVANGER, Norway, Oct. 22. (AP) A rescue helicopter battled a storm twice to save 35 crewmen aboard a Brazilian freighter that broke in two off western Norway yesterday rescue officials said.

All aboard were rescued unharmed after the Mercantil Marica, from Brazil, lost power in a storm, ran aground and broke up, said Bjorn Magnusson, of the Norwegian Rescue Central, near the west coast city of Stavanger.

Heavy waves kept tugboats from saving the ship, which drifted through an area of small islands near the mouth of Sognefjord, a large west coast inlet, he said.

## Gorbachev honoured

OVIEDO, Spain, Oct. 22. (AP) Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and European Commission president Jacques Delors yesterday jointly received a Prince of Asturias award for international co-operation.

Soviet Ambassador to Spain Sergei Romanovskii and a European Commission official picked up the prize on behalf of Gorbachev and Delors.

Crown Prince Felipe de Borbon, 21, also handed out the promotion of world harmony prize to British scientist and author Stephen Hawking.

## Coverup suspected

ROME, Oct. 22. (Reuters) An Italian magistrate said yesterday he was opening an inquiry into whether the country's secret services deliberately misled investigators probing a 1980 plane crash, or tried to cover it up.

Crash and explosives experts reported last March that the DC-9 civil airliner, which crashed into the sea off Sicily killing all 81 people aboard, was brought down by an unidentified air-to-air missile.

Invigilating magistrate Vittorio Bucarelli said he would first study statements made by past and current air force and secret service chiefs this month to a parliamentary commission conducting a separate inquiry.

## Hunger strikes

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Oct. 22. (AP) Inmates at two prisons staged hunger strikes yesterday to press demands for a pardon such as President Carlos Menem granted soldiers and guerrillas accused of kidnapping and murder during the "dirty war" of the 1970s.

"If the authors of organized death and violence which left 30,000 people missing may walk freely on the streets, we too ask for another chance," inmates at Caseros Prison, 2 kilometres (1 mile) south of the capital, said in a statement.

Inmates at Batan Prison on the outskirts of Mar Del Plata, 400 kilometres (248 miles) south of the capital, requested a general reduction of sentences and a pardon.

## Buchi aggressive

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 22. (AP) Pro-government presidential candidate Hernan Buchi is waging an increasingly aggressive campaign in a bid to erode support for the opposition and to succeed right-wing military leader Augusto Pinochet.

Buchi, a former finance minister under Gen. Pinochet, has repeatedly accused opposition candidate Eduardo Aylwin of acting in cahoots with Marxist extremists and of condoning scattered acts of violence.

He is apparently seeking to frighten middle-class voters away from Aylwin, a moderate Christian Democrat heavily favoured in most opinion polls to win the scheduled Dec. 14 election.

## Albanians rally for jailed leader

BELGRADE, Oct. 22. (AP) About 20 ethnic Albanians today marched through the streets of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, to voice support for an ethnic Albanian leader jailed in the tense southern Kosovo province, an eyewitness reported.

The small demonstration came a day after some 700 people took part in a rally "against Serbian nationalism," called by the "People's Movement for the Republic of Kosovo" in downtown Vienna, Austria.

In the Austrian capital, demonstrators called for better living conditions for the Albanian minority in Yugoslavia and protested the "discriminatory policy" of the republic of Serbia in Kosovo, which is part of Serbia, the Press reported.

## \$9m for Nicaragua poll

## Bush signs aid package

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (AP) President George Bush yesterday signed a \$9-million aid package designed to help the political opposition running against Nicaragua's Sandinista government in next year's election.

The money, to be spent for general political activity such as registering voters and getting them to the polls, is to start flowing into Nicaragua in the next 10 days to be used during the voter registration period that concludes at the end of October.

The stated purpose of the aid package is to level the playing field for the underfinanced

opposition. The money is to go to registering Nicaraguans, including thousands who have left their homeland, and paying for poll monitoring, vote counting and other election-related activities.

However, because of Nicaraguan regulation of foreign contributions, some of the money — as much as \$2 million probably will end up with the Sandinista-controlled National Election Council.

The legislation was vague on how the money will be used, but congressional observers said it appeared that up to \$6

million could go directly to the National Opposition Union, a coalition group that is backing the presidential candidacy of opposition newspaper publisher Violeta Chamorro.

However, money is not to go directly into her campaign coffers or be used for advertising to promote her candidacy, backers say.

An administration official said \$5 million will be dispensed to Mrs. Chamorro's group, while the other \$4 million will go to election monitoring groups and to the Nicaraguan National Election Council.

## Thatcher blasts sanctions move

C'wealth gives Pretoria six months

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct. 22. (Agencies) British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rocked the Commonwealth summit today with an outspoken statement on South Africa which blew apart a fragile compromise with her fellow leaders.

Hours after proposing the adoption by heads of government of a joint statement on Southern Africa laboriously negotiated by foreign ministers, Thatcher made clear she disagreed with almost every line of it.

The Commonwealth statement said Britain and the 48 other Commonwealth nations would keep sanctions against South Africa in place until there was "clear and irreversible change."

With Britain the lone dissenter, leaders of the 49-nation Commonwealth gave South Africa six months to deliver on reform promises or face new reprisals.

They also called for tighter financial pressures now on the South African government.



Salute comrades

Archbishop Desmond Tutu (top) greets Walter Sisulu (centre), the former secretary of the African National Congress organisation who was one of eight leading political detainees freed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## S. Africa to ease demands on ANC

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 22.

(Reuters) South Africa's biggest newspaper said today that Pretoria is ready to drop a key demand that the black African National Congress (ANC) abandon armed struggle before taking part in negotiations.

"This dramatic change of approach will remove the main stumbling block in the way of a face-to-face meeting between the government and the most important black liberation movement," the Sunday Times said in a front-page story.

South African President F.W. de Klerk said in a speech in Pretoria yesterday that the government still wanted the ANC and other groups fighting white rule to renounce violence

as part of steps towards reconciliation.

But since De Klerk was sworn in as president four weeks ago in succession to P.W. Botha, Pretoria's attitude towards the ANC and a host of anti-apartheid and anti-government organisations has changed radically.

The government has given permission for a rally to be addressed by newly freed members of the ANC despite the fact that the nationalist group is officially outlawed.

The rally, to be held next Sunday in a stadium called Soccer City near the black township of Soweto, is being billed by its organisers as one of the most important political events in South Africa in recent decades.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad and Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal told journalists they saw it is an important bridging of the longstanding gap between Britain and its partners, despite the fact that Britain dissociated itself from four of its 27 paragraphs.

Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark, also speaking before Thatcher's blast, told a news conference there had been wider agreement than at the last summit in Vancouver two years ago.

Thatcher's statement, entitled: "Southern Africa: the way ahead: Britain's view," welcomed three points in the joint statement and poured cold water on the remainder.

Commonwealth officials were astonished and said the release of the British statement was unprecedented in the normally cosy atmosphere of the organisation of former British colonies.

"The delegations when they see it will be horrified that such a British statement could be issued after Mrs. Thatcher herself proposed the adoption of the joint statement," one said.

British Foreign Secretary John Major told journalists the British statement was perfectly proper for reasons of balanced debate.

Their discussion on the resort island of Langkawi on South Africa lasted barely 30 minutes, Mahathir said.

Thatcher's counterblast, issued after her return to Kuala Lumpur, said there had been "important and positive changes" in South Africa and described the government of new President F.W. de Klerk as firmly committed to negotiations.

Britain believed the Commonwealth should "concentrate now on encouraging change rather than on further punishment," her statement said.

By contrast, the joint statement said only that there was a possibility significant changes might be within reach in South Africa and stressed that there had been no progress in ending apartheid.

"Nobody is buying yet that there have been fundamental changes but obviously some things have changed," Clark said.

He told journalists the committee of foreign ministers he chairs of Southern Africa, which Britain considers a waste of time, would meet again in April, six months into De Klerk's term of office.

The joint statement was praised by African National Congress foreign affairs chief Thabo Mbeki, who said it was a correct signal to De Klerk.

## Winnie back in political limelight

SOWETO, South Africa, Oct. 22.

(AP) The government banned her, the anti-apartheid movement excommunicated her and potential legal battles cloud her future. But Winnie Mandela has survived and is reclaiming her role as one of South Africa's most prominent and defiant activists.

Mrs. Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, vanished from public view in February when leading anti-apartheid groups repudiated her and accused her self-appointed bodyguards of waging "a reign of terror."

In recent weeks, however, Mrs. Mandela has resurfaced with high-profile appearances at several opposition rallies. The relentless speculation about her husband's release, expected within several months, keeps her at the centre of the political stage.

"She is blunt, rash, emotional and speaks from the heart — that is why people respond to her and why she is controversial," said Fatima Meer, author of a best-selling biography on Nelson Mandela.

"Even during the crisis, Winnie had the support and loyalty of many, many people," Mrs. Meer said in an interview. "She will remain highly visible and widely respected."

When six of Mandela's closest ANC colleagues were freed from prison on Oct. 15, Mrs. Mandela accommodated one of them, Wilton Mkwayi, at her home in Soweto, the huge black township outside Johannesburg.

She appeared that day at a rally for the freed prisoners. She prepared to sit alongside them at a news conference. But activists who organised the meeting politely redirected her to a seat behind the ANC leaders, among the families of the released men.

Mandela reportedly told his wife not to talk to the press, and she remained silent for several months, but has begun to speak out again.

"I am of no significance to anybody as an individual," she told Tribune magazine. "To attack me is to attack Mandela, to attack the ANC."

There has been no formal public reconciliation between Mrs. Mandela and the anti-apartheid movement, but the overt criticism of her has stopped.

One activist who requested anonymity said anti-apartheid groups are attempting to resolve their disputes with Mrs. Mandela before her husband is released, "but several people remain." He declined to elaborate.

Several anti-apartheid leaders, including one who earlier denounced Mrs. Mandela for "violating human rights in the name of the struggle against apartheid," refused recently to speak about her on the record.

The ANC has expressed concern about some of Mrs. Mandela's statements, and spokesman Tom Sebban, based in Lusaka, Zambia, noted she had no formal position in the organisation. But he added that Mrs. Mandela "remains an important part of the struggle."

## Perestroika future bleak

## Soviets gain little

MOSCOW, Oct. 22. (Reuters) Most Soviet people have gained little from President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reforms, which they did not think would lead soon to major improvements, according to a poll published today.

And in an interview published separately, a senior Soviet parliamentarian predicted that things could get worse unless the government radically restructured the nation's economy.

About 35 per cent of those polled in the outspoken weekly Ogonyok said the reforms would lead to insignificant improvements in the near future, 16 per cent said things would stay the same and 18.5 per cent said they would worsen.

Only 12 per cent said the perestroika programme of social, political and economic renewal — now in its fifth year — would lead to significant improvements.

The government, trying to juggle a large budget deficit with demands for more consumer goods, plans to cut investment while increasing borrowing to buy foreign goods.

"The attempt to straddle two chairs will not succeed ... the government's proposals are aimed only at cosmetic overhaul of the command economy system," Gennady Filshin of the parliament's planning, budget and financial committee told the daily Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya.

He said the government should give more autonomy to enterprises, increase investment in training and education and do more to create a consumer market.

"If not, the chaos in financial management will get worse. And that of course will give rise to protests from the population about this attack on their basic rights," he said.

Ogonyok — usually among Gorbachev's most outspoken supporters — published the poll 10 days after the Soviet leader criticised several of the country's senior editors for portraying the reforms in too gloomy a light.

Ogonyok did not say how many people had been questioned in the poll, carried out in August and September by the Moscow-based national centre for the analysis of public opinion.

The poll — the first in a series the magazine plans to run — reflects growing public frustration with persistent failure of the Kremlin's reforms to provide a higher standard of living.

Criticism of perestroika has increased in recent months over economic chaos and chronic shortages of everyday goods.

Almost 53 per cent of those polled said their material position had not improved in three years, 23.5 said it had worsened while only 24 per cent said it had improved.

Lawmakers in the Central Asian Republic of Uzbekistan removed their premier, made Uzbek the state language and banned ethnic restrictions on the right to vote, the Tass news agency said yesterday.

The republic, like several others around the Soviet Union, has been the site in recent months of ethnic clashes, nationalist strivings and calls for greater sovereignty that have posed a challenge to Gorbachev.

## Slower Czechs Hajek sees no change

VIENNA, Oct. 22. (AP) Czechoslovak dissident Jiri Hajek says

his countrymen will be slower than other East Europeans to demand reform because of their relatively high living standards and fear of repression.

"In our country power is still rather monolithic. And the police is working assiduously to prevent any meetings, to disperse gatherings and round up the initiators," Hajek said during a meeting with human rights activists and a few Western reporters last night.

Hajek, who was arrested and interrogated twice last week, said many Westerners believe Czechoslovakia will be the next East bloc country to develop a widespread democratic movement, following changes in Poland and Hungary and East Germany's tentative promises of reform last week.

"The reason is that 20 years ago, Czechoslovakia tried to jolt forward, to enjoy the results of this movement," Hajek said.

"It didn't succeed. The largest military action in Europe since World War II stopped us and led to the ... devastation of our technical, intellectual, moral and economic potential, a great frustration of the population and an escape into the private world," he said.

## Colombia seizes a tonne of cocaine

BOGOTA, Oct. 22. (Reuters)

Police said yesterday that they had seized over a tonne of cocaine and arrested two more Colombians sought on drug smuggling charges in the United States.

The cocaine, one of the biggest hauls in Colombia's two-month-old crackdown on drug trafficking, was discovered during a raid on a farm 280 km (180 miles) north of Bogota on Friday, they said.

Along with the cocaine, estimated to have a street value of \$40 million, police said they seized a sub-machine-gun, two pistols and \$110,000. No arrests were made.

Earlier police said they had arrested two more Colombians sought on US drug smuggling charges, bringing to four the number seized in the past 24

hours. Diana Caballero Rangel and her brother, Robert Caballero Rangel, were captured early on Friday in the town of Bucaramanga, 200 miles (320 km) northeast of Bogota.

Their arrest brings to 10 the number of drug suspects being held for possible extradition to the United States.

The government has extradited four accused traffickers since launching a major drug crackdown two months ago.

But none of them are of the 12 "most-wanted" list of traffickers that the United States gave to Colombia after the crackdown began.

The drug lords have reacted with a wave of killings and bombings in which over a dozen people have died.

## NATO meets on nuclear issues

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct. 22. (AP) Nato defence ministers, grappling with fast-paced changes in the Soviet bloc, may order a review of nuclear firepower in Western arsenals at a meeting this week.

The defence ministers from the countries that make up the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation are meeting for two days of talks on nuclear strategy, beginning on the southern coast of Portugal.

"There are no major decisions required at this meeting," said a senior Nato official. "The nuclear affairs of the alliance are running along very smoothly at this time."

Another official said, "it will be a good occasion to take stock of nuclear matters."

Added a third official, "it's going to be a rather uneventful meeting, but that's not necessarily a bad thing."

The meeting should be free of the tensions marking previous sessions of the nuclear planning group when US and British officials clashed mostly with West German officials over development of a new nuclear missile for Europe.

US President George Bush and other leaders of the 16-nation Western alliance resolved the dispute at their 40th anniversary summit in May.

"There is no need to address the issue at this stage," said one of the officials.

With that dispute behind them, the defence ministers can discuss the dramatic events in Eastern Europe that are shaping East-West relations — and how they should react.

Nato Secretary-General Manfred Woerner was expected to "call attention to the very positive changes" in the East bloc countries, said the senior Nato official.

One of the other two officials suggested the ministers might urge the Soviet Union to "do more" in reducing its nuclear weapons stockpile. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has promised to remove 500 short-range nuclear weapons from Europe this year.

According to Western estimates, the Soviet Union has 1,450 short-range nuclear missile launchers in Europe. Nato has 88 Lance launchers.

The ministers also were expected to discuss making fresh contacts with East bloc officials.

US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, who will be among those attending the Nato meeting, recently met with Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov.

The most likely action taken by the defence ministers during their two-day meeting would be to ask top Nato aides to study the alliance's nuclear strategy in an area of reduced East-West tensions.

## Cheney expects accord

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (AP)

US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, setting off on a three-week tour of key allied capitals and US military posts, says East-West negotiations on slashing conventional forces are going so well that an agreement is possible "in the not-too-distant future."

Cheney was departing yesterday for a trip that will take him to France, Great Britain, West Germany and Italy, with a stop in Portugal for Nato talks, as well as meetings in Australia and Hawaii.

High on Cheney's agenda are forging an approach to the sweeping changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and discussing with his Nato counterparts the Vienna talks on conventional force reductions, officials say.

In an interview with the Associated Press shortly before he left on his first major excursion as Defence Secretary, Cheney said negotiations between North Atlantic Treaty Organisation members and the Warsaw Pact are "moving along in pretty good shape."

Cheney said another item under constant discussion is burden-sharing within Nato, and he spoke of the pressures against increases in military spending for the United States and its Western European allies.

The United States allocates about 60 per cent of its conventional forces budget to the defence of Western Europe — a situation that prompts criticism among some US lawmakers who have called for fewer expenditures for such economically well-off nations.

## General cocaine might invade Europe

## Crackdown in US may move drug traffic toward other countries

ROME, Oct. 22. (AP) The war on drugs declared by the United States has raised fears in Western Europe that cocaine barons will broaden their already-expanding market on the continent. Some officials say terrorists might be drawn into the lucrative trade to finance their own causes.

So far the streets of Europe have been largely spared by the drug epidemic in the United States, where seizures of cocaine sometimes are weighed in tons.

Antonio Gava, Italy's Interior Minister, said he supports anti-drug measures in US President George Bush's \$7.9-billion war on drugs but is worried about Italy and its neighbours.

"The major crackdown in the United States might move the traffic toward other countries," Gava

cautions.

Many other Europeans, such as British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, also support the American crackdown but share Gava's concern.

"The drug cartels in Latin America have shifted their strategy toward Europe because of increased anti-drug activity by the United States," said Karl-Heinz Lenhard, the chief of the Bavarian state criminal police in West Germany.

Lenhard's investigators last August made the largest cocaine bust of the year in Europe, seizing 650 kilograms (1,430 pounds) valued at \$108 million.

Authorities from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean said cocaine seizures doubled or tripled in the last few years. Last year, European authorities

seized 7,000 kilos (15,435 pounds) of cocaine, and nobody knows how much entered the continent undetected.

In Portugal, the amount taken in the first eight months of this year totalled 660 kilos (1,455 pounds), double that for 1988 and triple that of 1987.

Gava fears the consequences of new and enormous cocaine profits for the overlords of Italy's infamous underworld. He also warns there is evidence of some mafia co-operation with terrorists.

A high-ranking drug agent, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said investigators share the fear that terrorists might run drugs themselves or turn to traffickers for money.

Italy's underworld bosses control a world-wide

drug trafficking network that rakes in an estimated \$20 billion a year. That figure exceeds the national budgets of some small European countries, but investigators believe it is dwarfed by the profits of the cocaine cartels, for whom they say there are no reliable estimates.

Investigators say the cartels work with Italy's underworld, the Sicilian Mafia and Neapolitan Camorra, to distribute in Europe cocaine usually smuggled into Spain, the biggest point of entry, or Italy, the second.

The profit incentive is enormous. Drug agents say the cartels have kept the price artificially high in Europe, \$40,000 to \$50,000 a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) compared to \$10,000 to \$20,000 in the United States.

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# Marchers seek democracy, now

Crisis mounts in E. Germany

EAST BERLIN, Oct. 22, (Reuters): East Germany's communist rulers pledged swift action at the weekend to ease travel to the West but the country's worst crisis in 36 years mounted with more marches for democracy by tens of thousands of people.

In East Berlin, where police clashed with demonstrators two weeks ago on East Germany's 40th anniversary, several thousand people defied an appeal from a politburo member to disperse and walked yesterday in a human chain through the city centre.

In Plauen, a southern border town, marchers shouted "freedom of speech" and "freedom of travel" in a two-hour protest. The official news agency ADN said up to 15,000 people took part. Witnesses estimated the crowd was twice that size.

## Bloch always under watch

FBI constantly present

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, (AP): Suspected Soviet spy Felix Bloch is learning that fame may be fleeting but the FBI is not.

The nightly news no longer chronicles the 54-year-old diplomat's walks in the park, visits to his lawyer or trips to the grocery. The two dozen reporters and camera crews who followed him everywhere in July and August have dwindled to none.

But the FBI agents are still there around the clock, in what they call "wheel-lock" surveillance. Experts say Bloch also remains surrounded by the government's electronic eavesdropping.

And he remains on paid leave from his \$80,000-a-year job in the State Department's European bureau.

Still, there is no indictment; not even a public move to fire him.

How long can this go on? How long will it?

Legally it could go on forever. No one in the government will predict, but current and former intelligence officials see no letup well into next year. Some spy investigations have lasted more than a decade — although mostly out of the public eye.

Bloch could be removed from the government payroll next spring.

ing under a State Department policy requiring periodic promotions to remain employed.

His departure from government would not end the FBI investigation into allegations that he spied for the Soviet Union since his posting in East Berlin in 1975. But it would increase the parallels between the Bloch case and that of Kim Philby, the famed Soviet "mole" who penetrated British intelligence.

The British relieved Philby of his duties in 1951 but did not dismiss him from government until 1955. The investigation remained open, while Philby worked as a journalist in Beirut, until additional evidence surfaced and he fled to Moscow in 1963.

In the Bloch case, US counterintelligence officials have enough evidence to suspect him of spying, but not enough to bring charges.

Although Bloch's situation is hardly without parallel, public awareness of it is unparalleled. And that has raised concerns, even objections from a range of observers.

"They should ... either indict him or let him live his life," US Congressman Don Edwards told the Associated Press last week.

Police made no attempt to break up either these marches or a silent, candle-lit protest on Friday evening in the southern industrial city of Dresden. Authorities estimated the Dresden crowd at 20,000. Witnesses said it was up to 50,000 strong.

Egon Krenz, the Communist Party leader who replaced hardliner Erich Honecker on October 18, received a message of support yesterday from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in a telephone conversation.

ADN said they had agreed that Krenz should visit Moscow soon on his first foreign trip as leader. Diplomats said Krenz would probably be there after a session of parliament on Tuesday where he is expected to be confirmed as head of state.

Krenz, a former security chief, is grappling with the worst unrest in East Germany since Soviet forces suppressed a workers' uprising in June 1953.

More than 120,000 of the 16.6 million East Germans have left for the West this year. From early yesterday until today, some 1,349 people crossed from Hungary through Austria into West Germany, officials said.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said yesterday the crisis showed East Germany should allow free elections. "Our compatriots ... must finally be allowed to express for themselves which road they want to take," he told a rally.

Poliburo member Guenter Schabowski, trying in vain to stop the East Berlin march, told the protesters that the authorities were giving the highest priority to a new law on travel to the West and a draft would be ready in the coming week.

"We will have to get used to living for a time with people seeing everything we do as a trap, even though it isn't," he said, in a rare example of a senior communist official debating spontaneously on the street with opposition supporters.

In its weekend edition, the party daily Neues Deutschland said it was certain that travel restrictions would be relaxed. It said East Germans would no longer have to give officials a specific reason for wanting to visit a Western country.

But it cautioned that East Germany did not have enough foreign currency to fund large-scale travel to the West, and it said West Germany was posing obstacles by insisting that all East Germans could become West German citizens if they wished.

Authorities said on Friday those who have left East Germany this year were welcome back, as long as they returned after official denunciations of emigrants "fleeing the republic."

East Germans who fled hard-line communism say their country's new leader, Krenz, can keep his offer to return home and start afresh.

"Never again. I would rather sleep here under a bridge," said East Berliner Mike Heese, who has spent his first six weeks in the West at a hostel after fleeing via Hungary.

Most of the East Germans who have left have cited dissatisfaction with living standards, lack of travel freedoms and frustration at the rigidity of the political system for seeking a new life in the West.

# Soviet pullout call

Hungary becomes republic today

BUDAPEST, Oct. 22, (UPI): With a simple ceremony at the neo-Gothic parliament building, Hungary will turn its back tomorrow on the Soviet-style political system of party-states that have dominated Eastern Europe since World War II.

Precisely at noon, the president of Parliament, Matyas Szuros, will proclaim Hungary a republic — a development that hardly could have been predicted even a year ago.

The day will be rich in symbolism. It will be exactly 33 years after the beginning of the ill-fated 1956 revolution for reforms that was crushed by Soviet tanks.

Hundreds of thousands of Hungarians will begin processions from three sites in the capital that were important in the 1956 uprising: the Technological University, where the student protest began that sparked the revolution, Corvin Street, where some of the fiercest fighting took place, and Heroes Square, the site of many gatherings.

The march is organised by opposition parties and groups, including the Democratic Forum, the largest opposition group in the country.

Meanwhile, Hungarian Foreign Minister Gyula Horn said yesterday that Soviet forces should withdraw from his country as soon as possible, and asked for help in strengthening its economic ties to the West.

Horn, on a two-day official visit to Norway, discussed his Eastern bloc country's historic changes with officials of Norway's new government.

He met with Prime Minister Jan P. Syse and Foreign Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik.

"As soon as possible, Soviet forces should be pulled out of Hungarian territory," Horn said.

"It depends on the success of talks in Vienna in 1990 about conventional disarmament... which should give the green light to the withdrawal," he said at a news conference.

## Escape route ready in China

LONDON, Oct. 22, (Reuters): China's hardline leaders have built secret rail tunnels under Beijing which could be used to crush resurgent pro-democracy protests or to enable officials to flee a crisis, according to a film to be broadcast tomorrow.

A former Chinese civil servant, who fled to Hong Kong after troops crushed mass pro-democracy demonstrations in June, told the British World in Action programme the tunnels linked leaders' homes, government buildings, the central bank and an army base.

"We built up this network over 40 years as a defence against a foreign invader ... but now they could use such means to escape from China or to deal the last blow against the people," he said, according to a transcript of Independent Television's programme.

"This is all linked with underground escape passages, he said. "I had the opportunity to use these trains."

The programme did not reveal the name of the former civil servant, saying only that he was a junior official in his 20s with access to high-level information and close contact with leaders.

Rumours of a secret rail line and an interlinking honeycomb of passages have circulated in Beijing for many years, but there has never been any confirmation of its existence.

The informant said there was a station under the Great Hall of the People, where thousands of troops flooded onto the streets to begin a bloody army crackdown in early June.

Asked if they had entered the hall from the station, skirting thousands of protesters jamming Tiananmen Square, he said he could not be sure. "I just don't know."

Diplomats in Beijing believe hundreds, possibly thousands of people died on June 3 and 4, mostly trying to stop army convoys passing through the city to the centre.

The former civil servant said there was another secret station at the government residence compound, Zhongnanhai.

Another branch goes to the Bank of China, allowing security forces to evacuate gold reserves in crisis, he said.

A further arm of the secret system connects with the Xi Shan military base, carved into the side of a mountain to the west of the city.

The documentary also contained secretly filmed interviews with students who said the government appeared determined to avoid any resurgence of the protests that shook the country in May and June.



Airport protest

Radicals make zig-zag demonstration after an anti-airport rally near the new Tokyo International airport in Narita, 50 km east of Tokyo yesterday. About 2,000 people participated in the rally to protest an expanded construction of the airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Beijing denies allegations of prison torture in Tibet

LHASA, Oct. 22, (Reuters): Tibetan nationalists jailed for taking part in pro-independence rioting and protests alleged today that beatings and torture take place in Chinese prisons, but a police spokesman categorically denied this.

"We have strict rules and regulations. All prisoners receive fair treatment. No one has been beaten or tortured. I am absolutely sure of this," Wang Naiwen, spokesman for the Tibet regional public security bureau, said in an interview.

Disclosing official figures for the first time, Wang said more than 400 Tibetans had been arrested since three days of violent anti-Chinese protest erupted last March in Lhasa, capital of the vast Himalayan region.

Courts had tried and sentenced 63 people and about 20 nuns had been sent to labour camps without trial for up to three years, he said. Some 320 people had been released and four or five were awaiting trial, he added.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Tribute paid to Reagan:** The Japanese paid tribute to former US president Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy last night at a gala benefit concert organised by the group sponsoring their visit to Japan.

The media company Fujisanki Communications group has said it is spending a total of \$7 million on the visit. It has refused to confirm reports that the Reagans are receiving \$2 million.

The concert, to benefit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, began and ended with renditions of "America the Beautiful" and featured Perry Como, Placido Domingo, the Harlem Boys Choir and Japanese stars Yuzo Kayama and Toshiko Tahara singing both American and Japanese favourites. (AP)

**Firebombs defused:** Three firebombs thought to have been planted by Welsh extremists have been safely defused by British police in central London, it was reported today.

The alert came after a BBC reporter in Wales was telephoned by a man saying he was from the "Sons of Glendower," a group blamed for attacks on English people who own second homes in Wales.

The caller said the devices had been planted last night at Conservative Party offices.

But one of the bombs was apparently found outside a private home by the person living there, who is unconnected to the Conservative Party. (Kuna)

**Reagans tour museum:** Former US President Ronald Reagan toured a rain-drenched mountainside art museum today and turned aside questions about reports he was receiving \$2 million for his visit to Japan.

Reagan and his wife Nancy, clad in beige overcoats and carrying green umbrellas, toured a misty outdoor sculpture garden by golf cart, accompanied by Nobutaka Shikanai, chairman of Fujisanki Communications Corp., the trip's sponsor.

The Reagans are in Japan at the invitation of the Japanese government and Fujisanki, which has also refused to confirm the sum being paid to Reagan. It has said, however, that the visit would cost a total of about \$7 million. (AP)

**Pope beatifies 7 Thai Catholics:** Pope John Paul II today beatified a French nun and seven Thai Roman Catholics who were killed or executed for refusing to renounce their faith.

The pontiff also beatified father Joseph Giacomardo, an Italian priest who led the Catholic Society of St Paul until his death in 1948, at the ceremony in St Peter's Basilica.

Beatification marks the penultimate step in the Roman Catholic process towards sainthood.

**Chinese writer to be punished:** An official newspaper said a leading Shanghai writer and dissident, Wang Ruowang, will be punished for taking part in the spring pro-democracy movement.

In a blistering half-page commentary, the Shanghai-based Wen Hui Bao accused Wang of trying to overthrow the ruling Communist Party and "polluting the thinking of the youth" by advocating democratic reforms.

The commentary was published in Friday's editions, seen in Beijing today.

**Socialists will retain majority:** Polls published today suggested Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez' ruling Socialist Party would obtain its third straight parliamentary majority in the Oct. 29 general elections. The survey in Spain's leading daily El Pais indicated the Socialists would win between 176 and 182 of the 350 seats in the lower house of the parliament, or Cortes.

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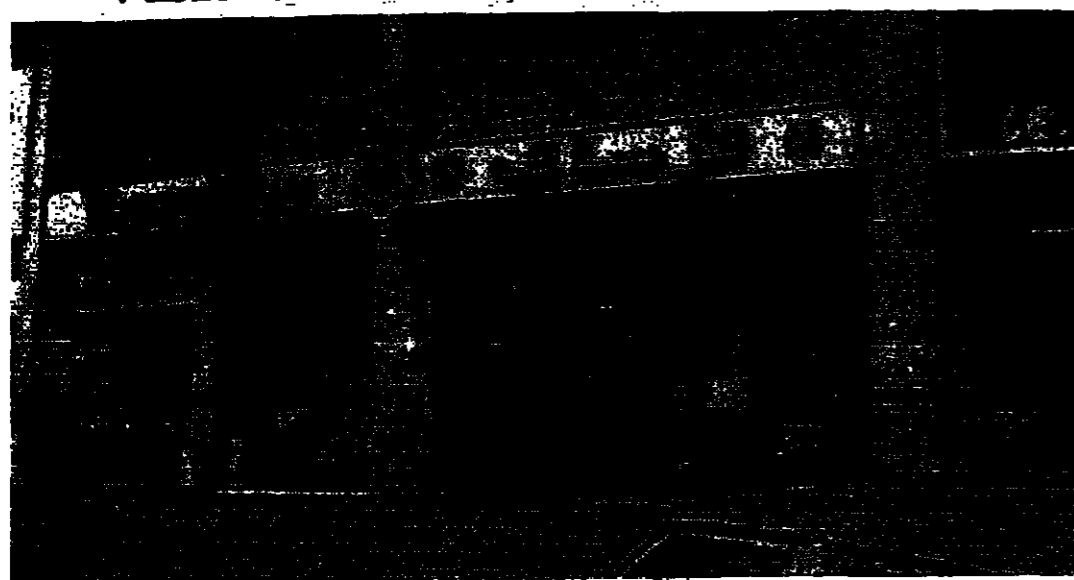
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The Wellcome Foundation Limited, an international healthcare company who markets its products 'Pif Paf', 'Freshaire' and 'Nocturne' throughout the Middle East, confirms that these aerosols do not contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which damage the ozone layer.

## KUWAIT ... GULF

# 600 hectares allocated for wheat

## Agro authority to provide assistance

THE director of the Animal Resources Department at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Jaseem Habib Al Bader has said that the area allocated for growing wheat for this season is about 600 hectares, located over 60 farmlands in Wafra and 62 others in Abdali. He told a local daily that the authority would provide all required assistance to all who are willing to enter into the experimental growth of wheat this year.

He urged all farmers to come forward to the agricultural control department at Wafra and Abdali to receive their share of allocated fertilisers. He indicated that the authority's personnel would carry out all ploughing and landlevelling activities in these two localities, immediately as the farmers had signed their contracts with the authority. The authority has begun preparations to enable registered farmers who expressed their willingness to enter into experimental wheat-growing this year to go ahead with their activities for this season. A period of two months was given for all farmers wishing to take part in this mission, Bader said.

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## Lagman

## Secondary schools in Ahmadi of low level

SEVERAL gaps in the existing level of secondary education have left a lot to be desired, Abdullah Al Lagman, director of Ahmadi Educational Area said. Specifically, the official said that education standards of pupils at the secondary stage are low — especially those of Kuwaiti students. This is attributed to the limited abilities and desires of Kuwaiti students to obtain adequate education, non-encouragement from families, un-cooperative spirit of families with school authorities and a display of vandalism by students.

The Ministry of Education is proceeding with its policy of Kuwaitising senior posts at schools (headmasters). Presently, there are some non-Kuwaiti headmasters in schools at Umm Al Himan, Zour and Wafra Areas. The reason is that the ministry has as yet been unable to find Kuwaitis who will accept to work in these remote areas.

## Delinquency

Lagman said that the ministry is making use of all educational means to correct delinquency in schools, including various forms of corrective punishment. When all efforts fail, these pupils are dismissed. However, the official conceded that delinquency is on the decline due to the cultural and educational programmes instituted at schools.

He said that what compounds the problem, is that parents defend their children even when the latter are obviously in the wrong. He cited the case of a father who encouraged his son to insult the headmaster at a school. Fortunately, he said such incidents were rare.

Every school has a council comprising of parents and educationists which helps administration of the schools in guiding and reforming errant students.

## ATC meeting opened in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Oct. 22. (Kuna): President Saddam Hussein last night received Arab transport ministers who are taking part in the fifth session of the Arab Transport Council, opened here yesterday.

Addressing the ministers, President Saddam stressed the importance of the transport sector as a leading sector for economic, social and military activities and urged them to do their utmost in realising co-ordination among Arab states.

Without transportation and communications, all other sectors might shrink or even die... it is impossible in our time to separate one from another, but this sector has essential significance well over all others, the Iraqi leader told the ministers.

President Saddam said his country was aware of this fact and had in recent years entrusted well qualified and competent ministers with the transport sector due to its vitality.

Ministers last night held another round of deliberations in which they endorsed the agenda that included means of implementing a number of strategic transport projects in Arab countries.

They will also discuss ways of further boosting the technical body of the general secretariat of their council to carry out tasks of repeated Arab transport organisations.

## WARNING

Lydia G. Raganit left her employer's house without permission. She is still under our sponsorship. People who employ or hide her will be held legally responsible. Those who know her whereabouts are requested to call Tel. 3295013 and will be given a reward.



# Legal Clinic

If you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind, Send your questions to Arab Times, Legal Clinic. Our Kuwaiti lawyer Khaled Taber replies to readers queries. Write to Legal Clinic, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Fax No. 4847495.

I AM working in a private company, drawing a salary of KD250 per month. I want to call my family on a visit visa. Please tell me what papers I have to produce to obtain a visit visa. How many times can I get a visit visa on my sponsorship — is it only one time or three times.

H.M.A. AN immigration official, in a written reply, said you have to produce a copy of the visitor's passport, documentary evidence proving he/she is a relative; sponsor's recently issued salary certificate; photocopy of sponsor's Civil ID card; application form. He said the sponsor's salary must be suitable to cover a visitor's expense in Kuwait. A visit visa is valid for one month only, and the visitor must leave the country on expiry of the visa. If the visitor needs an extension, the applicant must obtain a new visit permit. A visit visa is issued at the discretion of the Ministry of Interior.

MY CASE is still pending in the court. But I have been given a paper, permitting me to go out of Kuwait. I want to know if I have been deported. As I've been without a visa for eight months, I'm afraid to go to the airport. I was told by my embassy that I will not be charged for overstaying because of the pending case.

I'm still in the custody of my sponsor, and working in their house, but they don't want to make my visa; this is the reason I want to go home and don't want to be charged with illegal residence. How will I get an exit? What happens if I am not permitted to leave the country and they don't buy my ticket.

One reason for wanting to return to my country is to come back on visa 18. If I get a fresh NOC, can I re-enter Kuwait even though I have a case pending against me. Will I face trouble if the authorities find out about it.

Can I use the paper issued by the court as an identity paper because I don't hold a visa or Civil ID.

My embassy told me that I can look for another job to get a visa, to avoid trouble. I'm afraid that if I leave the house, the present employer may charge that I've "run away" and maybe, I'll be in more trouble. I want to avoid more trouble. Please advise.

Ms Troubled

I DON'T have the full details of your case to advise you about your situation.

The copy of the court paper you've sent to us says that the prosecution has no objection to your travelling out of Kuwait and cancels the travel ban.

I don't know what the outcome of the case will be. Whether or not there is any problem on re-entering Kuwait depends on the outcome of the case, and the court decision. If there is a court decision, the authorities will know about it at the time of fingerprinting; if there is a punishment against you in that court case, you may not be allowed to stay in the country.

If your return ticket is not given by the employer, you can approach the department of immigration, and inform them about your case, saying your visa was not made by the sponsor and that you'd like to go back to your country. They will investigate your case and talk to the sponsor, asking him to provide the air ticket so that you can leave the country.

If you want to get visa 18, you must leave the country, and get a fresh visa 18 to re-enter Kuwait. This, however, depends on the outcome of your court case and whether or not you have been deported.

You can't work for anyone else without the agreement of your present employer. If he agrees, you can look for another job; and the residence can be made, in accordance with immigration rules. This also depends on whether or not your application is accepted by the Immigration Department. The court paper issued to you can be used as long as the case is pending; it was given to you to allow you to stay for the duration of the court case.

It is possible for your sponsor to file a case against you for "abandoning" if this happens, there is a possibility of your deportation.

FOR the last two decades, I've been living in a flat in Fahabeh. When I first occupied the flat, the rent was KD30 per month. Currently, it is KD100 per month, excluding water and electricity. During this period, the landlord has not attended to repairs of any nature resulting from dilapidation of the premises. All this time, except for a few years, the landlord made a contract, valid for five years. It expires

by the end of this year. It is evident that the landlord will seek an increase in rent as soon as the contract ends.

Is there an institution sponsored and/or supervised by the local government controlling rent problems in order to mediate status between the two parties, namely, the landlord and tenant. If there is such a facility existing, please provide full details.

Ali Mohammad

KUWAIT'S Rent Law, No. 55, 1978, Article 11 says that the rent agreed between the landlord and tenant must be followed by both parties; it further states that either party has the right to file a case to amend the rent every five years. The landlord has the right to ask for an increase in rent; and the tenant has the right to ask for a decrease. So, both can contest the amount of rent, that which is being paid and that which is being asked.

In case, you feel you are paying a higher rent than others in the same area, you can prove it in a court of law by providing a copy of the contract, asking for a decrease in rent. If the landlord feels that he is getting low rent, he can also file a case against the tenant.

Any dispute between a landlord and a tenant can be settled by a court of law. The question of repair and maintenance of building has also been dealt with by the Rent Law.

The law gives a tenant the right to ask the landlord to repair and maintain a building, especially for exterior repairs like damage/maintenance of staircase, waterpipes, roof, elevator, water tanks sewage pipes etc. and anything under his responsibility must be repaired by him. If the owner doesn't do the needful, the tenant can file a case to get permission from the court to do the needful and deduct the expenses from the rent. This can be done only after obtaining prior court permission to do so.

Most repairs inside the flat are the responsibility of the tenant.

There is no separate institution to handle rent disputes; any such case can be handled by a court. Only the Kuwaiti courts are responsible for handling tenancy disputes.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1986 on visa No. 20. God blessed me and I embraced Islam. I've chosen a Muslim name. I'm working here but by official documents still carry my old name. I wish to change my old name to the new one.

I applied to my embassy in Kuwait, but they asked me to go back to my country to change the name on the passport. In the meantime, I've got a new job with a No. 18 visa.

I want to return to my country to cancel my contract. So, kindly tell me what procedure I must follow to avoid any difficulties.

M.F.G.

If you want to return to your country, you must cancel your present residence. When you reach your country, you can take the necessary measures to make the changes on your passport. After this has been done, you can send a copy of the new passport to your sponsor to obtain the visa No. 18.

If this is difficult, it is not important to change your name; you can prove you've embraced Islam by getting a certificate from the Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry. This certificate can be used for umrah or haj.

I READ your reply in the Arab Times. Thank you very much. In your reply, you had asked for a copy of my contract. If I resign before completing the two years contract, and will buy my own return air ticket, can I pay the compensation to the company.

R.S. and M.

THE compensation of KD200 was rightfully deducted by your company. This has been mentioned in the contract, which says that if you break the contract, you'll pay a penalty of KD200 to the company to recover recruitment costs. As long as it is mentioned about compensation, it must be paid.

If you are prepared to abide by the other clauses, including buying your own return air ticket, you can resign. However, it is important to abide by the contract.

I HAVE been in Kuwait from 1983. I want to leave every year and overstayed 15 to 20 days. I want to resign and return to my

country. Am I entitled to any benefits if I resign or if I am terminated?

John Thomson: YOU are entitled to indemnity — or end of service benefits — if you have worked for more than five years.

If you resign, you are entitled to get 7.5 days salary for each year for the first five years and half a month for the following years. If you are terminated, you are entitled to two weeks salary for the first five years and a month's salary for each month for the subsequent years of service.

I AM working in an embassy on No. 17 visa for the last two and a half years. My total stay here is about four and a half years. I have been terminated from service. Can my residence be transferred from No. 17 to No. 18 in the private sector. Are there any other alternatives?

M. Fernandez: IF you want to transfer your residence from No. 17 to No. 18, you must get a letter of consent from the embassy. This must be submitted to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, with an application for transfer; if accepted the transfer can be done locally. If not, you'll have to re-enter on a fresh visa.

MY wife, holding visa No. 20, went to India for a vacation. If she stays there for more than six months, does her visa expire? What are the rules? If she gets a new visa No. 18 during that period — that is after six months, what is the procedure to re-enter Kuwait?

P.K.T.: A PERSON'S residence expires if he/she stays outside Kuwait for more than six months. If she wants to re-enter, it is necessary to cancel the previous visa to avoid duplicate residence files.

I WORK in a government institute while my wife works in the private sector. All our legal documents i.e. validity of the residence permit are upto date and according to the rules of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. My wife has decided to give up her job, this means that I will have to sponsor her and our baby. What is the procedure for becoming the sponsor.

WHETHER or not you can sponsor your wife depends on your salary. If you qualify under the rules, you can get a dependent visa for her. It is advisable to check with the immigration department to find out if you qualify under the rules. If you do, you can apply in the normal manner, sending in an application along with your salary certificate, sponsor's letter, Civil ID card copy etc.

As far as the child is concerned, you can sponsor him/her by approaching the immigration department with the relevant documents — birth certificate and copies of the documents mentioned above.

I'M a Sri Lankan maid working. I came in March this year. I am not very happy in this house because they don't pay my salary and beat me if I ask for the money. I also have to work from early morning to late night, without any rest. I also don't get any holidays. When I ask them for permission to change my job, they beat me. There is no one here to help me. Please help me.

A.B. Lathefa: YOU CAN seek the help of the immigration department to get the salary; you can also file a case against the sponsor to ask for the salary and get a release. But you must find another job before doing this as you will have to give the name of your new sponsor to the authorities.

IN 1986, I filed a case against my sponsor for non-payment of salary. The case was decided in my favour but my sponsor appealed in a higher court. The case is now pending. It seems the case will be decided in my favour. I have been staying in Kuwait without working. I want to claim compensation. Can you guide me how to approach the court? Will I have to file a new case or can I make an application, written in English, to the court during the hearing of my case?

M. Aslam Khan: A NEW case must be filed for the compensation. No application is accepted in English; all legal documents/communication to the court must be in Arabic. You can get the documents translated into Arabic, sign it and forward it to court.

# Local insurance firms face dwindling profits

## Auto insurance main cause

COMPULSORY third-party insurance is the main reason local insurance companies incur losses in Kuwait, Sulaiman Al Dalali said.

Elucidating, the official said that legal blood money paid to beneficiaries of those killed in road accidents has increased from KD2,400 to KD10,000.

This amount is being paid by local insurance companies, coupled with the fact that the cost of repairing damaged cars has also gone up, in addition to compensation awarded by courts to accident victims have also increased.

The quantum increase in road accidents has contributed to insurance companies incurring large losses, the official said.

He went on to state that foreign insurance companies and agents are not obliged to insure cars and they concentrate their activities on the activities that have less risks. Salali called on authorities to look into the validity of insurance companies complaints and to take urgent measures to remedy the situation.

To compound the situation of insurance companies, economic stagnation during the 1980s caused a reduction in insurance activities and returns. Companies tried to solve this problem by offering new insurance services like tourist insurance document, family residence documents, maids and servants insurance document, commercial debts insurance documents and life insurance, he said.

The present insurance law is in force for the last 25 years and authorities are still studying the new insurance draft law. Insurance services in Kuwait basically deal with establish-

ments and projects, while it is limited among individuals. This is considered a serious challenge for national insurance companies, Dalali said.

## Support

The official commented that as the insurance instalments in the Arab Gulf and Arab world in general do not exceed 0.5 per cent of total instalments in the world, there is no need for the establishment of a unified Gulf insurance authority. Additionally, the existence of the re-insurance companies, offer adequate support to the insurance companies working in the Gulf area.

Activities of insurance companies in Kuwait are controlled and supervised by the Ministry of Commerce in accordance with the insurance law and the new law to be implemented is designed to develop relations between the ministry and these companies.

The establishment of the Higher Insurance Council will be the main factor in supporting and developing the insurance industry in Kuwait. Though, only seven per cent of the staff of insurance sector are Kuwaiti nationals, their numbers have been increasing during the last few years.

The national insurance companies are working seriously to attract national cadres and train them as well as granting them special allowances, Dalali said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of Kuwait Insurance Company Hamad Al Bahar was quoted as saying that the Kuwaiti insurance industry was optimistically looking forward to the next decade.

In an interview with a local daily, the official was quoted as saying that the next decade will

witness substantial turnover of business in the insurance field. This optimistic note is based on efforts which have been successful in removing all obstacles which were impeding the progress of the insurance movement.

He added, "We can positively say that the Kuwaiti insurance market in general is organised and all the national companies have a high-level of insurance expertise in addition to robust financial standings."

He clarified that the insurance companies had never constituted a burden on the government. On the contrary, these companies played a significant role towards protecting national wealth which eventually resulted in the national insurance sector acquiring a good reputation in international markets.

The official said that the local insurance companies had played a significant role towards the spread of insurance awareness among the public. However, Bahar said that these companies need to exert more efforts to highlight some kinds of insurance which the local companies were planning to market such as group life insurance, professional hazards insurance and the beef ranch insurance.

## Unification

Replying to a question over the possibility of establishing a unified Gulf Insurance Authority (Gulf Lloyds), the official said that Kuwait is extending every encouragement and co-operation in this field on the Gulf, Arab and international level. Kuwait is a member in the Arab and international insurance federations and had a distinguished relationship with Gulf insurance companies, but commented that the project is still premature. He went on to say that for the time being, bilateral co-operation and co-ordination is preferable and had proved feasible.

He recalled in this context that USA had exerted several attempts to establish what he can call an American Lloyds in New York and Florida to keep abreast of the British Lloyds. All efforts in this direction till the present, have proved futile.

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## Assured services for Jahra residents

NO EFFORTS will be spared towards positively responding to requirements of Al Jahra citizens in relation to health education and municipal services, according to Sheikh Ali Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah, governor of Al Jahra.

In an interview with a local daily, the new governor expressed his appreciation and thanks to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and HH the Min-

ister of Interior for their confidence entrusted to him.

The new governor was quoted as saying that all citizens should be willing to be recruited in any capacity to serve the homeland. He added that the homeland had given citizens every need and natural that all in turn should reciprocate under the patronage of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

All efforts will be exerted towards greening of the governorate in compliance with the directives of HH the Amir. The governorate in co-operation with Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources represented by its chairman Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah held a celebration to mark the second greenery week at Al Jahra Governorate and had planted 25,000 shrubs.

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# F18s suited for Kuwait Air Force: Khaled

## Combat capabilities improving

THE deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Jaber Al Khaled Al Sabah has described the recent visit to France by HH the Amir as the most successful of all visits by all accounts.

He told a local daily that HH the Amir carried a message of peace from all Arab

and Islamic countries, amidst continued Kuwaiti efforts to co-ordinate with French military advisors to exchange views on world peace.

He pointed out that the Kuwaiti armed forces regularly evaluated its defences in line with a well-knit programme. Ongoing

studies indicate that no new arms supplies were needed for the military he added.

No plan was currently under consideration to buy Mirage 2000 French military aircraft, and the American F18 fighter aircraft was deemed very appropriate from

all practical purposes for use in the Kuwaiti Air Force Maj. Gen. Sabah said.

The Kuwaiti armed forces were rapidly improving their fighting and combat capabilities, besides improving their administrative and technological know-how, Sabah said.

## Bio-tech lab may be set up in Kuwait

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

KEMIRA, the well-known European multi-national, is planning to set up a bio-technology laboratory in Kuwait in collaboration with the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, according to Rino Airikkala, executive board member of the company.

Airikkala said that the company was conducting negotiations with the public authority for this project.

Among other things the company has plans to help Kuwait in its afforestation plans by helping to grow more palm trees. He added that they would select the best quality palms and carry out research in a laboratory before growing them on a mass scale.

Airikkala was in Kuwait along with other executives of the company to attract local businessmen to invest in the company's stock which is being opened to new shareholders.

Kemira is now the European number two for fertilisers, the fifth largest titanium dioxide producer world-wide, and a major paints producer. Kemira is proceeding with development in papermaking and water processing chemicals, and various fields such as plant bio-technology, and catalytic automotive exhaust systems.

The company's achievement of the five years from 1983 to '88 were dramatic. The sales were multiplied by the factor of 2.3 and exports abroad were multiplied by 3.8 and rose from 43 to 70 per cent of the total sales.

The company's bio-technology activities include, among other things, mushroom production, selective flower breeding, improvement of various plant species, and tree micro-reproduction.

## Philippines embassy

FOR the information of the general public, the Embassy of the Philippines will be transferring to its new address effective 28 October 1989, Saturday. The new Philippine embassy will be located at: Jabriya, Police Station Street, House No. 5.

All transactions beginning Saturday, 28 October 1989 will be done at this new address. Our new telephone numbers will follow later.

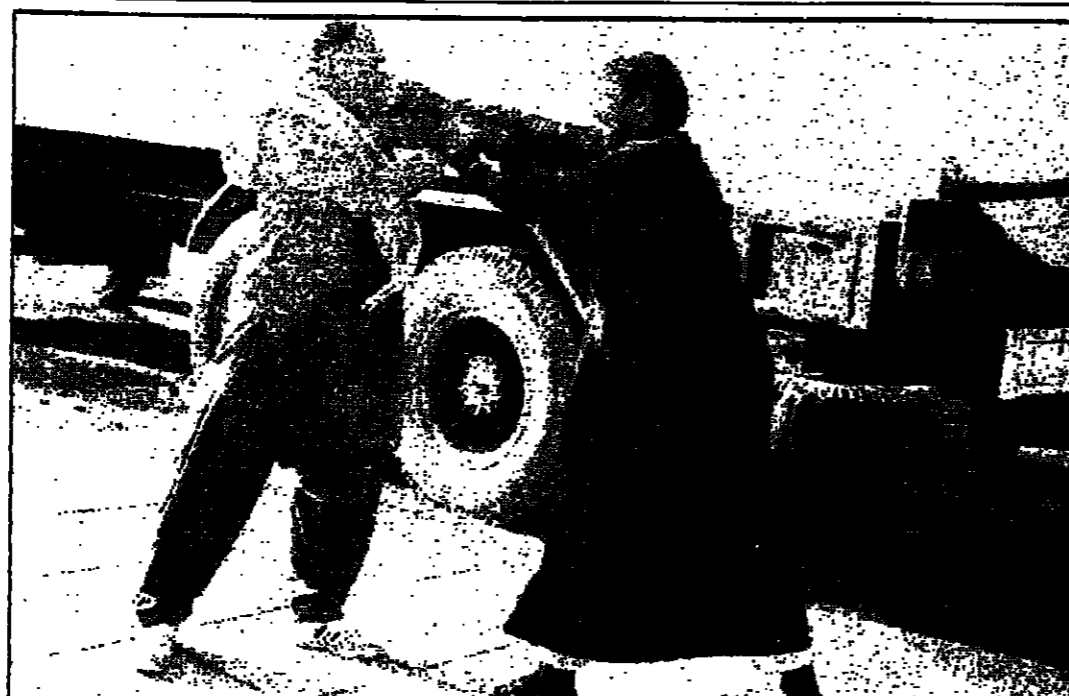
## Rare Quran

KUWAIT, Oct 22, (Kuna): A close-to-original copy of a rare Quranic manuscript will be shortly on display in Kuwait, it was disclosed here today.

The director of Heritage and Manuscripts Centre at the Islamic Heritage Revival Society, Mohammad Al Shaybani told Kuna that a copy of a Quran handwritten during the rule of the Third Caliph Uthman Bin Affan has been received by the society.

He noted that the copy was carefully designed to reflect the original Quran copy which the Caliph Uthman was reading when he was killed.

There are only three original copies of this Quran one kept in Istanbul, the second in Tashkent and the third is lost, Shaybani said.



irate water tanker drivers having a fist fight.

## Wafra farm owners suffer water crisis

Sand piles, blight among problems

By Nashat Al Agha

SEVERAL officials and farmers in Wafra Agricultural Area stressed on the importance of putting more efforts to resolve the problems of this vital area which is considered a natural breather for the country. They indicated that Wafra Agricultural Area contains six hundred flourishing farms.

The Wafra Agricultural Society board chairman, Abdul Rahman Al Madhahka had invited farmers and citizens in Wafra for a general meeting at the society Diwaniya last Thursday evening. The meeting was held on the occasion of starting the new agricultural season and to discuss farm problems in Wafra, in order to present them to officials and concerned government authorities.

The meeting was attended by the former chairman of the society board of directors, Khaled Al Issa Al Saleh, the society general secretary, Naser Al Jalal and a large number of citizens. Several opinions and proposals were introduced by the citizens at the meeting.

Madhahka delivered a speech praising efforts exerted by citizens towards the afforestation of Wafra, establishing new farms and accomplishing the initiative of HH the Amir towards making Kuwait greener.

He stressed that the society board of directors puts all its capabilities to serve citizens and share holders. He pointed out that the society will soon open two new branches in Wafra Area to take off pressure on the current society branch and to facilitate customer services.

**Sand piles**  
Regarding the sufferings of farm owners because of sand piles and blocked roads, Madhahka stated that the society will carry out the necessary measures in co-operation with Kuwait Municipality to overcome this problem.

Meanwhile, the water pumping station in Wafra witnesses a huge crowd of water tankers. More than 220 water tankers await their turn to fill up water. During a Seyyasa visit to the water pumping station, it witnessed a fist fight among some drivers because of the long waiting period. One of the drivers stated that on some occasions he waits for as long six hours to reach his turn. He added that the long wait causes plants to die particularly if these plants need to be watered at different periods of the day.

Mohammed Abbas a water tanker driver said that most drivers have lost their patience due to the long waiting period. He added that each of the farms

requires at least two full tankers of water a day.

Another driver said that most of the drivers spend most of the day at the station and some even sleep there.

The station clerk, Maysara Kamel said that a new 30 inch water pumping pipe will start operation soon at the station. He indicated that officials from the Ministry of Electricity and Water indicated a time for the opening of the pipe and hopefully problems will disappear after that.

**Blight**  
The general secretary of Wafra Agricultural Society, Naser Al Jalal stated that he had bought a farm in 1983 for KD30,000 adding that he had spent a lot of money on it to bring it up to its current level. He said that unfortunately, blight has destroyed most of his property due to a shortage of insecticides. He indicated that the cost of electricity and water is high therefore, he called for government assistance in subsidising these prices.

He added that due to the high demand at the water pumping station, some farmers had to bring water from other stations located in Zour Area for high prices which are sometimes KD20 a tanker.

Saaran Salem, one of the citizens complained about sand piles which block the roads leading to his farm. He added that the area has no gasoline stations and farmers are forced to travel 40 kilometres distance to get it.

**Problems**  
On the other hand, the board chairman of Wafra Agricultural Society, Abdul Rahman Al Madhahka stated that most farmers including him were surprised at the Ministry of Electricity and Water operation towards maintaining the water pumping station in Wafra. He stated that the station already suffers a big problem caused by the huge demand on water required for irrigation, and that the maintenance work of the ministry starts during the rush hour at the station which causes confusion there.

He hoped that officials will soon open a new water pipe at the station to ease up the pressure on the only water pump.

He called upon the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources to take speedy measures during this new agricultural season with regards to fighting blight.

He indicated that marketing local products represents a big problem facing farmers in Kuwait. He added that complications of the Industrial Bank which deals with farmers will destroy their ambitions towards upgrading the level of their farms.

## Butchers suffering worst sales season

### Australian sheep issue hits market

MOST customers have lost trust in the livestock market since the issue of sick Australian sheep gained media attention.

Due to the fact that the issue is not yet finalised the crisis has strongly reflected on declining Australian sheep sales which in turn has caused a sharp drop in sheep prices. Most butchers are now suffering one of the worst sales seasons.

At the peak of confusion on the story of sick Australian sheep, the market witnessed an increasing demand for Arab

sheep and beef with a hike prices. Butchers interviewed by a local daily stressed that one of the positive results ensuing from the Australian sheep issue is the noticeable increase in animal health censorship at the slaughter house.

One of the butchers indicated that the sheep market is currently witnessing fluctuations in prices going along with supply and demand and competition.

On the other hand, merchants indicated that young Turkish sheep are being sold at KD22 per

head at the market auction and bigger sized Turkish sheep are sold at KD26. They stated that prices have dropped a little since the peak period witnessed by the market a month ago.

Merchants at the Safat market stated that Iraqi auctioneers at the market are considered wholesalers now because they buy huge amounts of sheep ranging between 50 to 200 heads. They then sell the sheep to butcher shops after fattening them.

Some merchants indicated that a large number of retired

persons have entered the sheep business. Market sources estimated sheep sold daily at the market at five hundred to 600 heads mostly Turkish or Syrian sheep with small amounts of Australian sheep.

Butchers said that beef prices had increased before the Australian sheep incident and started a bigger hike prices afterwards due to the higher demand. They indicated that a kilogramme of beef cost KD .800 at butcher shops.

carry out 15,000 operations a year.

Floks is about to open three new clinics in Italy with plans for others in Luxembourg, Malaysia and Turkey.

Professor Fyodorov said international interest is intense and he predicts massive demand for eye surgery.

"About one billion people need our new developed techniques. Our complex will not be capable of solving all the eye problems and hospitals around the world need to be built," he said.

## Hada Saifu Surraie to spring surprise in case

By Saleh Al Gharib

AS the Court of Misdemeanours will resume hearings in the case against a local play "Hada Saifu", reliable sources said today that one of the four defendants, actor Mohammad Al Surraie will "pop a big surprise in the next hearing." Sources did not reveal the nature of the surprise.

Actors Abdul Hussain Abdul Reda, Saad Al Faraj, Khaled Al Nafeis and Surraie are accused of insulting and defaming Islam in that play. They are also accused of "deviating from the original script approved by the Ministry of Information." Information Ministry censors affirmed these accusations during interrogations carried by the public prosecution.

Another main character in the play, the mullah (Islamic cleric), played on stage by Ibrahim Al Sallal stressed that he was only a witness in the case. In a short statement, Sallal said that he did not file the case against the actors. He said that he is just one witness providing testimony. He said that he told the public prosecution that the defendants had committed the violations.

## Four years for smuggling

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced four men charged with attempted smuggling of 40 bottles of liquor into the country aboard a pick-up vanette through Abadi border to four years of penal servitude to be followed by deportations. All the accused were further ordered to pay a total of KD2,664 as customs fine.

The court heard that a patrol vehicle of Abadi police force chased the suspect car after the driver failed to stop at the order of the leader of the patrol who had suspected the vehicle which was travelling across the Kuwait-Iraqi border early in the morning with its headlights off.

## Rambo in the dock

DEFENDANT Farraj Nassar who is widely known as Al Firdous Rambo will appear before the Criminal Court on Nov 19, a local daily reported. It added that Nassar will face several charges including the killing of Munawer Al Rashidi a Kuwaiti citizen who was among the throng surrounding his residence when he detained his family members for three days.

Several sessions have been held so far to try the defendant who is under protective custody until the judgement is pronounced.



Sheikh Saad receives Yemeni premier

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah on Sunday met privately at his diwan at the Bayan Palace with South Yemeni Premier Dr Yassin Saeed Noman.

Later on, an official Kuwaiti-Yemeni round of talks was held under co-chairmanship of Sheikh Saad and Dr Yassin.

The talks centred on issues of common concern and the brotherly bilateral ties and means of fostering them in all fields.

The talks were attended by State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi, State Minister for Housing Affairs and Head of the Honorary Mission accompanying the guest Nasser Al Roudhan as well as other senior Kuwaiti and Yemeni officials.

The high ranking Yemeni official arrived here Saturday at the head of a powerful delegation, including Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al Dali.

## Meeting local manpower demand

## Administration college to be established soon

DR Khaled Al Saeed, acting dean at the Faculty of Commerce, Industry and Political Sciences has said that the faculty will be turned into a college for Administrative Sciences starting early in 1990/91.

He told a local daily that the establishment of the new College of Administrative Sciences would be deemed a transformation in kind and a strategic step enabling further development of the university academic facilities and programmes.

The idea of establishing a college of administrative sciences first came into existence in 1980 when the University of Kuwait realised the importance of keeping abreast of all academic developments throughout the world, particularly in the field of administrative sciences besides the need to meet the growing local demand for such educational trends, the official said.

He added that an executive office was set up for the purpose of preparing for the proposed college, following approval by the University Council on the establishment decision. The office also published a series of planning studies prepared in co-operation with several technical

committees comprising senior teachers well-versed in the field of all administrative scientific disciplines. These studies were submitted in the recommended framework of the academic formula.

The primary requirements for the proposed establishment of the college is to keep pace with the world academic trends development particularly amidst the ever-growing need for a specialised college in this field of scientific administrative discipline.

**Techniques**  
Saeed also said that such need received more attention in an effort to follow the pattern of established such colleges in the US, Canada, Britain and France which required more effort for developing the existing academic structural organisation, and teaching techniques and applied disciplines at the new college.

He said that studies took into consideration the demand of the local market requirements and the potential destiny of graduates, whereby necessary provisions were made for providing students of the proposed college with all needed technological know-how. These related to good handling of com-

puters, information systems and decent mastery of the English language and offering a diploma in the administrative sciences for graduates, while making available higher studies leading to M.Sc. in administrative science and related fields.

He said that the primary purpose of the new college is to qualify and graduate skilled cadre for assuming leading administrative positions, in line with national development process needs and the labour sector requirements in the government and other spheres.

The step involved undertaking an actively positive role in developing and executing scientific and professional programmes in co-operation with all relevant university facilities in careful response to catering to the needs of the national development process.

Graduates would have a chance to learn all necessary skills and know-how that could guarantee them optimum performance of their duties and sponsoring scientific research and applied studies activities in the fields of administrative studies that could contribute to development of administrative performance, Saeed said.

## ME problems threat to security, says Barges

MOSCOW, Oct 22, (Kuna): President of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) Barges Hmoud Al Barges said here today that a number of political and economic problems were still threatening international peace despite US-Soviet disarmament agreements.

Barges, in a statement on role of media in solving world problems at an international seminar here, said that the situation in the Middle East tops problems threatening global peace and security.

Fana chief said that Israel's intransigence in refusing to respond to the international community's will and recognise the Palestinian people's legitimate rights especially self-determination and statehood complicated that situation.

He called further for focussing on the Third World debts and finding solutions, pointing out that retaining that problem unsolved would divide the world into rich and poor worlds.

## UK air chief arrives today

THE Chief of the United Kingdom Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding GCB ADC FRAeS CBIM, will arrive in Kuwait today

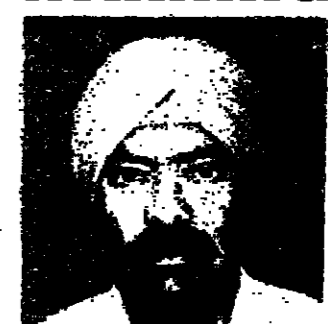
(October 23) for a one day official visit during which he will hold talks at a senior level on defence and regional issues.

## CHANGE OF TIME IAC CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Owing to Diwali celebrations, the following changes have been made in the schedule for dancing.

Event	Group	Time	Date
Bharata Nayam	C upto roll No. 1242	5 - 8.30 pm	25-10-89
Bharata Nayam	C from roll No. 1336	2 - 4 pm	26-10-89
Bharata Nayam	D upto roll No. 457	5 - 7 pm	31-10-89
Bharata Nayam	D from roll No. 459	5 - 8 pm	01-11-89
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## Soviet eye surgeon plans eye hospital in the sky

THE Soviet professor who pioneered the world's first floating eye hospital yesterday announced plans for another hospital... in the sky.

The flying eye hospital in a converted jumbo jet is expected to be treating thousands more patients around the world by next April.

Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov also wants to build more of his revolutionary Floks eye hospitals to cure millions of eye disease sufferers around the world.

He revealed details of his new high-flying venture minutes after treating the first of what's expected to be thousands of patients on board his floating eye hospital now docked at the giant Jebel Ali port complex near Dubai.

Professor Fyodorov, who has pioneered revolutionary surgical techniques for eyesight problems, told more than sixty journalists of his vision for the future.

"We are working on preparing a flying hospital using a plane like a 747 and it's

being fitted out now with equipment which, when it's flying next April, will mean 30 to 50 operations a day can be carried out anywhere they're needed.

"It could even be done flying between Moscow and New York as long as the air turbulence is OK," Professor Fyodorov said.

The Floks organisation, behind the floating hospital, has 13 clinics throughout the Soviet Union and 8,000 medical staff at the giant Floks complex in Moscow

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FORTUNE favours the audacious — Erasmus, Dutch scholar (about 1466-1536).

## Quiet brings Afghans home

THE rustle of the hot desert wind through grapevines replaced the sound of droning warplanes and exploding artillery on the arid plains of southern Afghanistan.

The quieted Hamid Ghulam to return to his beloved homeland after six years in exile while Afghanistan was torn by civil war.

Atop the shattered villages, above the tents pitched by nomads and in the fields where camels graze, flags of the Muslims resistance flutter in the breeze.

The flags are the symbol of an undeclared truce between the soldiers defending the pro-Soviet government and the US-armed rebels who rule the countryside around Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city and the cradle of the deposed monarchy.

The fragile peace has lured thousands of refugees like Ghulam back to try to start rebuilding a small part of their homeland.

"I could have stayed in Pakistan where I know my family would be safe," said Ghulam, trying to hide tears streaming down his face. "But believe me, I loved this destroyed country a thousand times more. I could never be happy anywhere else."

In August 1983, Soviet tanks rumbled into Shawl-i-Court and unleashed a barrage lasting nearly 30 hours, trying to rout suspected rebels hiding inside the mud-walled compound.

Ghulam, his family and a few of the other 1,000 families who survived the barrage fled 180 kms (120 miles) across the border to Pakistan. There they lived with 170,000 other refugees in a camp near the desert of Chaman.

Nearly 6 million Afghans are living in refugee camps in Pakistan and Iran, the bases of the resistance groups trying to overthrow the government of President Najib.

Pakistan does not turn away the refugees. But the strain on the economy is obvious, especially since countries sharing the burden of supporting the world's biggest refugee concentration cut their contributions after the Soviet Army withdrew from Afghanistan in mid-February.

Life in the camp is a struggle, with refugees dependent on rations of tea, rice and cooking oil and often forced to wander the roads looking for twigs, leaves and scraps of paper to fuel a fire.

Most Afghan refugees are eager to return to a country where war has raged for 11 years. Even though the struggle shows no apparent signs of ending, some like Ghulam have become impatient at the lack of military victory or negotiated settlement and are going home.

International relief agencies and government officials estimate about 100,000 Afghans have returned since the Soviet troops left. But they acknowledge they cannot accurately gauge the flow because of the country's porous borders and lack of central authority.

Relief workers say about 90 per cent of the returning refugees bypass official channels and go back to areas outside the Kabul government's command.

"I was born here. My father and grandfather were born here. This is home and I want it to be my children's home," said Ghulam, a 33-year-old farmer. "Why should I come back? The Soviets are gone and God willing, peace will come soon."

Before dawn, Ghulam, his wife and their two children, his father, aunt, uncle and three cousins packed their belongings and boarded a battered blue colour pickup truck. They bid farewell to those remaining at the Chaman camp and headed for the border.

Ghulam seemed apprehensive at first, wondering whether Pakistani border guards would force them to turn back or demand steep prices he could not pay.

When the border guard waved them and they ploughed through the sandy plain, Ghulam's excitement became infectious.

"This is really Afghanistan. One day we'll all be back," he said as the group headed toward Spin Boldak, the border post captured last November by rebels, known as the mujahedeen.

"Welcome to free Afghanistan," read a sign spray-painted on the side of a building on which a white flag had been planted. Beyond lay remains of a once bustling tourist information centre.

A few rebels, their Chinese-made rifles strapped over their shoulders, sat a campfire in the centre of captured Soviet tanks and shattered buildings. As they chugged along the American-built road, weaving from side to side to avoid the huge potholes left by years of neglect, Ghulam's thoughts frequently turned to his two sons, among the 700,000 Afghan children born in exile.

"All their lives they have seen mujahedeen coming in and out of the house and they have idealized Afghanistan," he said. "For them, this is supposed to be the most beautiful country in the world. I fear they may hate me for the deception."

Along the road cutting across what once was one of Afghanistan's most densely populated provinces, there now is only signs of destruction and the tattered flags marking the graves of some of the 1.5 million Afghans who have died in the struggle against the Marxist government that seized power in April 1978.

They passed through a rebel checkpoint and then diverted down a dirt path, bouncing for hours along the rocky, barren terrain. They weaved between oxen-pulled carts, land rovers and huge trucks with their cargoes concealed under burlap covers.

They reached another pot-holed road lined with burned and rusting shells of more than 100 Soviet tanks, armoured personnel carriers and rocket launchers. The destruction along the road was startling — houses, buildings and a huge Soviet-built silo were in ruins. But the blue-domed mausoleum of King Mir Weiss stood unscathed.

Soon, their 10-hour journey was over and they were home, just in time for lunch. They sat cross-legged amid the rubble, all eating from the same plates, at the ruined house of an old friend and rebel commander. (Shawl-i-Court, Afghanistan-AP)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1596 — Turks under Mohammed III defeat Austrian Archduke Maximilian's forces near Erlau, Hungary.
- 1641 — Great Irish massacre occurs after discovery of conspiracy against British.
- 1764 — Hector Munro's British forces defeat Nawab of Oudh at Buxar, Bengal.
- 1802 — Maharaja Hukar of Indore defeats both Peshwar of Poona and Sindhia of Gwalior at Poona, India.
- 1917 — US troops see first action in World War I near Lunenburg, France.
- 1942 — British Eighth Army attacks Axis forces to begin battle of El Alamein in Egypt during World War II.
- 1953 — Federal constitution of Rhodesia and Nyasaland goes into effect.
- 1954 — Britain, France, US and Soviet Union agreed to end occupation of Germany.
- 1958 — Soviet Union approves loan to United Arab Republic for Aswan Dam, in Egypt.
- 1962 — Soviet Union warns that a US quarantine of arms shipments to Cuba risks a thermonuclear war.
- 1968 — Egyptian and Israeli jet planes tangle over Suez Canal in first such reported action since 1967 Arab-Israeli war.
- 1973 — Israeli military command announces that Israel and Egypt have agreed to new ceasefire in Middle East war.
- 1983 — Suicide terrorists blow up US Marine headquarters building at Beirut, Lebanon, airport, and nearby French headquarters with bomb-laden trucks, killing 241 Marines and 58 Frenchmen.
- 1988 — Long awaited Soviet election reform calls for choice of candidates but limits sharply what they can advocate.

## Jordan's parliamentary election

## Palestinians ponder their role

ON the entrance to the house in one of Jordan's refugee camps was a hand-drawn map of Palestine. But inside, 60 young Palestinians eagerly discussed their role as "Jordanians" in the Nov 8 parliamentary election.

A year ago, an open political meeting in a refugee camp here would have been almost unthinkable. But anti-government violence last April on the part of the country's non-Palestinians led Jordan's monarch, King Hussein, to pledge a general election, a freer press, and political and economic reforms.

Although the election will be Jordan's first in 23 years, it holds special significance for the 1.5 million Palestinians — including some 900,000 registered refugees — who constitute roughly half of Jordan's population.

For the first time since 1950, when the Palestinian-inhabited West Bank was added to Jordan, that territory won't be represented in the voting. King Hussein in 1988 renounced claims to it in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

At the same time, Hussein made it clear that he expected loyalty from Jordanians of Palestinian origin, many of whom have West Bank ties and are sympathetic to the anti-Israel uprising there.

"We felt torn between the responsibilities entailed in our citizenship and our national cause represented by the PLO," one Palestinian says of the dilemma the king's announcement caused. After Hussein's action, the PLO declared an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza. Israel, which militarily occupies the territories, is bent on preventing them from achieving statehood.

As citizens, Jordan's Palestinians can vote and run in the election. Most strongly support it. But the question of Palestinian representation in the legislature has provoked concern.

According to Jamal Shaer, a former minister who is running for election, not less than 10 of the 80 deputies should be of Palestinian origin. However, he said, if more than 30 were, that would provide a pretext for Israel's arguments.

One Jordanian politician who is a Palestinian says, "Our answer to the fears accompanying the return to parliamentary life in Jordan is to assert the Jordanian identity of the parliament, which would also foster the PLO's representative legitimacy."

● By participating in Jordan's election, Palestinians might prejudice their claim of the rights to self-determination and to return to Palestine.

● Large Palestinian representation might intimidate the government or disrupt internal social and political cohesion.

On the other hand, not taking part would leave Palestinians with less leverage over issues that affect them. Economic conditions continue to deteriorate. The unemployment and inflation rates are above 25 per cent.

Furthermore, the election campaign, which began in earnest at the end of August, is focusing on the issues of democratization and curtailing security excesses.

The number of Palestinians running has been estimated at only 7 per cent of the some 2,000 self-nominated candidates. (Many are expected to drop out. The government will decide on Oct 14 which candidates may officially run. The actual field is expected to number several hundred.)



King Hussein: reforms

The low proportion has provoked the resentment of some Palestinians, especially one-time officials. A number of former deputies from the West Bank, now living in Jordan, are campaigning under the slogan that "only a Palestinian could represent the Palestinians."

The current electoral law causes Palestinians to be underrepresented by allocating a disproportionately low number of seats to areas of high Palestinian concentration, like the capital, Amman. Jordan's politicians say that this hinders radical and opposition candidates, who traditionally have their base of support in the crowded refugee camps.

Yet some Jordanians resent Palestinian "voting power." They claim the PLO can intervene in determining the outcome of the election.

The PLO officially is not expected to back any candidate. But Palestinian political groups in Jordan, which like all such organizations were banned in 1957 but are unofficially tolerated, are actively involved in the campaigns. Some have even declared their own candidates.

To counter allegations of PLO intervention, Palestinians have agreed that no one affiliated with the PLO institutions will run in the election. At least four PLO executive committee members live in Jordan and hold Jordanian passports. So do more

than 62 members — including the speaker — of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

One major Palestinian group, the Syrian-based Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and its Jordan wing agreed to separate. The Jordan wing turned into the "Jordanian Popular Democratic Party."

Candidates of the Palestinian groups (none of whom, ironically, are of Palestinian origin) are not sure the government will allow them to run. All political groups, except for a small extremist Islamic party, have pledged commitment to the constitution. They hope this step will enable their candidates to run.

Back at the political meeting, one candidate appealed for support. He advocated lifting martial law (in effect since 1967), checks and balances on government policies, and financial backing for the PLO and the uprising.

One listener, a 24-year-old teacher, said later, "We still have fears from the possible political implications of the elections on our national cause. But we hope that a democratic process will respond to both our daily grievances as citizens and foster the Jordanian-Palestinian unity." (Amman, Jordan — CSM).

## Lithuanians choose lesser evil

## Communist Party fragments

FORCED to choose between losing power and the wrath of Moscow, the Lithuanian Communist Party has chosen the lesser evil. It is risking confrontation with the Soviet party leadership by pushing ahead with plans to establish an independent Communist Party.

The decision will anger both radicals and conservatives in Moscow.

At a special Central Committee meeting on nationality policy recently Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev flatly declared that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) must not be allowed to fragment.

Conservative party leaders like Yegor Ligachev will be even more offended. At the same meeting Ligachev forcefully defended the CPSU's right to be the leading force in the Soviet political system, and ruled out the idea of a multiparty system.

Lithuanian communists say the concept of the party's leading role is dead, and add that their republic already has a multiparty system. But underlying the push for the party's independence is an even more striking assumption: the belief of Lithuanian party officials that their republic is moving steadily toward total independence.

Half a year ago such a statement would have seemed heretical. Now officials talk of it in an almost matter-of-fact way.

"I'm personally convinced that our progress toward independence cannot be stopped. It's a natural process," says Justas Paleckis, head of the Ideology Department of the Lithuanian Central Committee.

"It can be temporarily blocked by a coup in Moscow, or the declaration of a state of emergency (by Moscow) here. Or, of course, by a global catastrophe like a world war," he adds.

Mindaugas Barysas, editor of the Central Committee's newspaper, Tiesa, took the same approach. Total independence is probably decades away, he said. "It would be nice if it was sooner, but we have to establish the economic conditions for political independence."

He politicized a one dutiful armed forces that subsequently became corrupt and abusive. As foreign debt topped \$26 billion, average income for Filipinos was set back by a decade. Promised land reform stalled. Forests were rapidly depleted by Marcos-linked loggers. The education system was badly neglected.

Official corruption became severely embedded as Marcos centralized patronage. Blatant opulence by his wife, Imelda, help to undermine his political legitimacy. A turning point in Marcos' image of visionary reformer came in 1977, say ex-supporters, when he began to give out gold watches with his image on the watch face.

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Plans to declare the party independent will be discussed at an extra-ordinary congress of the Lithuanian party, to be held within the next three months.

Several officials said they expect the congress to recommend dropping the clause in the Lithuanian Constitution assigning the party the leading and guiding role in political life.

Future relations with Moscow will probably be determined by a treaty or agreement, officials say.

Some, however, predict that the Soviet Communist Party will, in the foreseeable future, turn into a Yugoslav-style league of communist parties where an umbrella body will co-ordinate the work of separate parties from each of the Soviet Union's constituent republics.

A new draft programme for the Lithuanian party was published on Sept 22 in the local news media. It is pointedly vague in its definition of independence — for tactical reasons, most party officials here said.

But well-placed sources in Vilnius say that this vagueness did not prevent officials in Moscow from criticizing the Lithuanian party chief, Algirdas Brazauskas, when he visited the capital.

Party officials declare their support for Gorbachev and other leading reformers like Alexander Yakovlev. But they express no regrets about diverging from the Gorbachev-Yakovlev line.

"We fully understand that our actions are causing problems for Gorbachev and his team at a difficult time, but for us there is simply no other way," said Paleckis.

The main stimulus for an independent party was the resounding defeat suffered by the party in the March 26 elections for a nationwide parliament, and the fear that this would be repeated in republican elections early next year. In the March elections the party was humiliated by the independent political organization Sajudis, which had been founded less than a year before. Sajudis, the Lithuanian counterpart of the Estonian and Latvian popular fronts, continues to be the predominant political force in the republic. Party officials say that, without a

revitalized and independent Communist Party, they are doomed to defeat. Even with one, some add, their chances are slender.

The March elections were preceded by a short-lived but politically significant defeat for liberal communist leaders inside the Lithuanian party.

The reformist first secretary, Brazauskas, came under intense pressure from Moscow — notably a commission of the ruling Politburo headed by Ideology Chief Vadim Medvedev.

Lithuanian party conservatives simultaneously stepped up their pressure. The reformist ideology secretary, Lionginas Sepetys, was forced to resign, and party leaders began to talk of the danger of a political crackdown in the republic.

Lithuanian officials now feel that the conservative backlash contributed to their electoral disaster. It may also explain why they are now less attentive to Moscow's dictates.

Soon after the March elections the Lithuanian Komsomol, the party's youth wing, made history by announcing its independence from the nationwide Komsomol, or Communist Youth League.

The separation was acrimonious, and Lithuanian Komsomol Chief Alfonso Matsaitis says pressure from Moscow is still intense. The new organization receives no financial aid from Moscow, and no longer remits membership dues or the profits from its Komsomol newspaper — 1.5 million rubles (about \$2.3 million at official rates) — to the central Komsomol organization.

Komsomol membership was virtually compulsory for anyone wishing to go onto higher education, or do military service in one of the less-demanding arms of the military, Matsaitis noted in an interview. In such cases a positive Komsomol reference was a vital.

Since declaring independence, the Lithuanian Komsomol has dropped the reference system, and has announced that anyone who wishes to leave the organization can do so without prejudice.

As a result Matsaitis expects membership this year to drop from 420,000 to half that.

## Marcos' rule made a deep imprint on Philippines

THE passing of Ferdinand Marcos, more than three years after his political demise, will not erase the deep imprint he made during two decades of rule in the Philippines.

Elected twice as president with great promise, Marcos extended his rule by declaring martial law in 1972, a move widely supported for a few years.

But then he tried to usurp the country's political system, military, and economy for himself, only to have all of them work to defeat him by February 1986, as his health was failing.

The Marcos legacy, woven deep into Filipino society, will likely last generations. Last July, for instance, a Manila university held debates on four topics: divorce, homosexuality, drugs, and Marcos.

"Much that marred his regime lives on," states Teodoro Locsin Jr., speechwriter for Corason Aquino, Marcos' successor.

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billions of dollars from the country have not been totally proven, while attempts to recover millions in known Marcos assets overseas have had little success.

Perhaps the most beneficial effect from the Marcos era is a lingering public will for reform and a commitment not to repeat his misdeeds.

He is also given credit for improving roads, bridges, electricity, and other infrastructure during the early years of martial law.

A clever and ambitious politician who knew better than most how to manipulate the shaky democracy in the Philippines, Marcos destroyed the country's two-party system.

In its place, he relied for power on local kingpins who were granted the right to control select markets, says Carl Lande, a University of Kansas professor.

Marcos was more like a sultan than a dictator, says Yale University researcher Mark Thompson.

## True to form

SIR: An evening with The Filipino Cultural Club's presentation of "Amadeus" was true to form with a late start accompanied by long and drawn out introductions and speeches with little or no connection to the play itself. Antonio Salieri's efforts to catapult himself into international theatrical circles were marred slightly by his inability to make himself heard to all in the audience and his persistence in making short lines long, and long lines unbearable.

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I was however, surprised with the overall flow of the play especially with the actors ability to memorize and recall the lines despite the stage crews efforts to distract them by shifting the props back and forth mid-sentence.

A word of advice for future audiences, make friends with an usherette because in the only way you'll get a good seat. First come doesn't mean first served. Why, why, why, you ask because that's the way it is — that's why! (Name and address supplied.)

## Hundi helps Indians

SIR: Hari Choudhary says in his letter (AT Sept 28) that Hundi business should stop, but why? It's no need to tell this to the people of India, because we Indian workers get K1925 to K230 as salary, and nobody takes action on behalf of us.

So I request the person who opened this file to close it, and help the workers who get low salaries.

Zito Colaco, Kuwait.

## If I had a million

IT has been reported that Michael Milken made more than \$180 million last year. Michael is now having his problems with the Feds, but he is still flying up there in the ozone with the super rich. His name appeared on a list which included the highest paid executives in America. (The lowest was Robert Haas, who earned a paltry \$25 million in 1988.)

What can somebody do with so much money, except buy Grey Poupon mustard from the next Rolls-Royce? At some point the sublime becomes really ridiculous. I sought out one of the men on the top-money all-star team. His name was Neil Gross, and his fortune came from manufacturing suspenders to hold up yuppies' pants.

I walked into his office as he was having his shoes shined. He waved me over to a chair.

"How do you feel now that everyone knows you made \$45 million?"

"I still put my garters on one leg at a time," he said.

"Money hasn't changed you?"

"Why should it? Of course I go first class now. For example, this shoeshine is costing me \$50. I could get one on the street for \$2, but it wouldn't say anything about me."

"Is it really a better shine for \$50 than it is for \$2?"

"Most multimillionaires think so. The shine wouldn't seem worth much if it came cheap."

"But nobodys know whether you've had a \$2 shine or a \$50 one."

"I know it and that's all that counts. It's the same with this shirt. It cost \$250. That's what I used to pay for a suit when I started out in this business. With a shirt like this I feel as if the Lord and Merrill Lynch are watching over me."

"Besides the material happiness that money brings, what other good reason is there for you to earn so much?"

"It tells me exactly where I rank socially. More importantly, it shows where the wealthy stand in relation to me. It's hard for you to understand how important it is to me to take in more money than Malcolm Forbes. If I have more big bucks, I can ruin his breakfast."

"Then making a billion dollars is still the best revenge?"

"Yes, because when your income is in the billions, there are only about 20 guys in the world who can really screw you."

"Do you have any friends among the billion-dollar class?"

"Yes and no. I might gang up with T. Boone Pickens just to get a third guy. Then on Friday he might gang up with someone else to get me. That's why having money is so satisfying — you stick it to those who are trying to stick it to you."

"What else can you do with your fortune besides sticking it to the other guy?"

"The really rich are the ones who put money into play. We spread it around, throw it on the table and toss it up, and make sure that it comes back to us 10 times more than what we put in."

"You must still be left with a lot that you don't know what to do with."

"That would be true if we didn't have to hire lawyers."

"Why do you need lawyers?"

"To tell us if it is legal to get a \$50 shine." 1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Quote me

"I could have stayed in Pakistan where I know my family would be safe. But believe me, I love this destroyed country a thousand times more. I could never be happy anywhere else." — A returned refugee from Pakistan lamenting over conditions in Afghanistan.

"The drug cartels in Latin America have shifted their strategy toward Europe because of increased anti-drug activity by the United States." — Karlheinz Lehnard, the chief of the Bavarian state criminal police in West Germany, on drug overspill into Europe from America.

# CIA network in ME crumbling

LONDON, Oct 22. (Kuna): The CIA is "incapable" of collecting worthwhile intelligence in crucial parts of the Middle East because of a neglect of traditional agents in the area and over-reliance on electronic surveillance, according to a report published here today.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said senior CIA sources in London are noting that the CIA's abandonment of accepted spying methods has taken place over the past two years since the Iran hostage-forarms scandal.

It is hindering the Bush administration

in its attempt to gather information about extremist groups.

The paper believed that the White House is being provided with intelligence on Middle East groups by the British external intelligence service (MI6), the Israeli Mossad or the French services, rather than the CIA.

The weekly quoted a "senior British intelligence source" as saying "the Americans are now fighting blind in the Middle East."

"For the last two years, the order has been not to risk a politically embarrassing

spy scandal and to rely on technology.

"The result is a crumbling spy network in the precise area where one is most needed," the source added to the publication.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Telegraph noted that criticism of the CIA's Middle East operations comes amid speculation in Washington last week that the agency's low-profile director, William Webster, might be sacked by US President George Bush.

In addition, the paper quoted security sources in London as pointing to the lack

of progress made by the CIA in tracing those behind the bombing of the Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie, Scotland, last year.

Much of the work in tracking down the bombers has been done by MI6 and the Mossad, with information made available to Washington.

The Sunday Telegraph also said that little has been done to rebuild the CIA's network of agents in Lebanon shattered by the kidnapping and the subsequent killing of the CIA's station chief in Beirut, William Buckley, seven years ago.



Bye, bye  
French President Mitterrand (right) and Chadian President Hissene Habre shake hands as Habre leaves the Elysee Palace after talks. The talks focused on French troop withdrawal from Chad once there is no further threat of attack from Libya. (Reuter wirephoto)

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Iran warns Israel

TEHRAN, Oct 22. (Kuna): Speaker of the Iranian parliament or Shura council today sent a warning alarm to Israel cautioning the Zionists against desecration of the Aqsa Mosque.

Mehdi Krubi said Israel's attempt to destroy Muslim holy places is an indication of its disrespect for Muslims, calling on the press in Muslim countries to highlight the Israeli attempt and denounce it.

"This is an insult to Muslims in one of the holiest places... we must condemn such an act and every true believer must do something about it," Krubi was quoted as saying by Radio Tehran.

### Libya denies

NICOSIA, Oct 22. (Reuter): Libya denied today that it had sent troops and arms to Somalia to help the government to combat rebels in the north of the country.

"There is no truth to the rumours published in the media that Libya has sent troops and arms to Somalia," the Libyan news agency Jana quoted an official source in the people's committee for foreign and international affairs as saying.

The rebel Somali National Movement said last week that 700 Libyans, including soldiers, pilots and technicians, had arrived in Somalia and the port of Mogadishu was closed for three days while Libyan arms shipments were unloaded.

### Afghan issue

AMMAN, Oct 22. (Kuna): A Pakistani military delegation headed by General Imtiaz Wazir held a meeting here yesterday with Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

The Pakistani problem, it was reported, figured prominently in the talks in addition to the developments in the area topped by the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The delegation came to Amman in reply to an invitation from the Jordanian Ministry of Defence. They also met with chief of staff of the Jordanian armed forces General Farid Abu Taleb.

### Protocol signed

ALGIERS, Oct 22. (Reuter): Algeria and Italy signed a three-year protocol yesterday to co-operate in radio and television, the Algerian News Agency APS reported.

Italian state radio and television will give training and technical assistance to its Algerian counterparts. The two countries are to co-operate in co-productions and the exchange of programmes.

### Encourage tourism

NICOSIA, Oct 22. (Reuter): Iran should encourage tourism to finance post-war reconstruction, but every effort should be made to weed-out spies disguised as tourists, a Tehran newspaper said today.

The Tehran Times said in an editorial carried by the national news agency Irna, received in Nicosia, that the authorities should do their best to make the tourist industry a success.

But it warned of the negative consequences of an open door policy towards foreign visitors.

### Fresh talks

TUNIS, Oct 22. (Reuter): The United States has held fresh talks with the PLO in Tunis on ways to advance the Middle East peace process, the Palestine news agency Wafa reported today.

The PLO representative in Tunis, Hakan Balout, met American Ambassador Robert Pelletreau yesterday evening, it said.

They discussed "means and possibilities of advancing dialogue and the peace process, especially as faced with Israel's intransigence and its refusal to respond to the international will in favour of peace," Wafa said.

### Two more die

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 22. (Reuter): Two Palestinians wounded in clashes with Israeli troops died of their wounds in a Jerusalem hospital today, medical staff said.

Troops yesterday shot and wounded Sami Akram Abuljaleh, 18, in the West Bank town of Nablus and Abdul Abdullah Lufi, 49, in the nearby Askar refugee camp, Palestinian sources said.

### Iran blames Iraq for stalemate

NICOSIA, Oct 22. (Reuter): Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati has again blamed Iraq for the stalemate in Gulf peace talks saying he doubted any progress could be made.

Velayati told the Iranian newspaper Jomhuri Eslami in an interview published today that Iraq was not committed to UN Resolution 598 which brought about a ceasefire in the eight-year war in Aug 1988.

"If the current trend continues, it is not clear whether we will make tangible progress in future," the Iranian news agency Irna quoted the foreign minister as telling the paper.

## End feud warning to Afghan rebels

### Hezb-Jamiat clash in Kandhar

ISLAMABAD, Oct 22. (Reuter): Pakistan-based rebel groups fighting the Afghan government warned their followers yesterday — end your internal feuds or be punished.

The warning, in a statement issued by the main Muslim rebel alliance or government-in-exile, followed reports of continuing clashes between rival groups inside Afghanistan which have claimed hundreds of lives.

The statement, quoted by the alliance's official news agency Midia, asked the mujahedeen fighters to set up joint councils in their respective regions to "settle their disputes and feuds... on the basis of Islamic sharia (law)."

It blamed the Soviet-backed Kabul government, led by President Najibullah, for encouraging the feuds.

"Those who continue the infighting... will be considered as agents of the puppet regime and will be severely punished," said the statement, which Midia said was signed by leaders of the seven parties in the alliance.

It asked the fighters to "be loyal to the newly appointed provincial and district (rebel) administrators and obey the decisions of the (rebel) Islamic tribunals and courts."

A split between the Hezb-i-Islami and Jamiat-i-Islami parties has threatened the future of the rebel interim government, which includes both parties. Hezb has suspended participation in the group's cabinet meetings since August.

More than 400 people have been killed in Hezb-Jamiat clashes in northern Afghanistan since early July, according to sources in both groups. More clashes took place last week near the southern town of Kandhar, rebel sources in Pakistan said.

At least eight injured in the Kandhar clashes were brought to the south-western Pakistani town of Quetta early this week, the sources said, but no estimate of total casualties was available.

Afghan rebel leader Sibghatullah Mojaddidi was quoted today in Riyadh as saying Moscow was spending more than \$600 million a month to prop up the Kabul government.

Mojaddidi, president of the Pakistan-based mujahedeen government-in-exile, said Muslim rebels had failed to oust pro-Moscow Afghan leader Najibullah because of continued Soviet financial and military support.



Arafat in Cairo talks  
PLO leader Yasser Arafat (left) meets Egyptian President Mubarak in Cairo. Arafat arrived in Egypt to discuss tailoring efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to negotiate a peace settlement. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Ethiopian battle

## 2,400 killed, claim rebels

NAIROBI, Oct 22. (Reuter): Rebels fighting in northern Ethiopia said today they killed over 2,400 government troops in fighting last week in Wollo and Gondar regions.

The Voice of the Tigray Revolution Radio, said the army of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front had also captured over 3,800 Ethiopian troops.

The radio said the fighting broke out on October 16 when government forces attacked rebel-held areas near Dese, and battles later took place in Kimir Dingay, in Gondar region.

The rebels dealt heavy blows to the 25th motorised brigade and the 33rd brigade of the Ethiopian army, the rebel radio said.

### Israel re-evaluating policy

## 7 slain in drug feud

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 22. (AP): Police launched a search for a Palestinian man known as an informant and suspected of smuggling seven people to death with a nylon string, officials and radio reports said yesterday.

The case, termed "unprecedented" by the army radio, prompted officials to re-evaluate the policy allowing workers from the occupied territories to stay the night in Israel.

Police officials said the murders apparently resulted from a financial dispute between the suspect and his victims over drugs and prostitution, but would not rule out that the motive was political.

Media reports said police suspected more bodies may be found in southern Tel Aviv following the gruesome discoveries on Friday night.

The investigation began when residents of an impoverished Tel Aviv neighbourhood, Shekhunat Shapira, reported a small coming out of a two-room apartment.

Police arrived at the scene to discover the decomposing bodies of two women and one man hidden under mattresses in the apartment.

"Blood marks were visible and everything in the apartment was overturned," said assistant Inspector-General Yigal Markus, the Tel Aviv police chief.

Police said the investigation led them to the mixed Arab-Jewish Tel Aviv suburb of Jaffa, where the bodies of three women and one man were found inside another apartment.

The first three victims appeared to be murdered around Tuesday while those in Jaffa seemed to be dead for less than 24 hours, Tel Aviv police spokeswoman Dalia Gilad said. The radio said the victims apparently were strangled with a nylon string.

Markus said the main suspect was a Palestinian from the occupied territories who had a permit to stay in Tel Aviv at night.

## Syria regrets downing of plane

DAMASCUS, Oct 22. (Agencies): Syria has conveyed its condolences to the families of five crew members killed when a civilian plane was downed near the Syrian border. Turkey says two Syrian warplanes shot it down inside Turkish airspace.

Turkish Ambassador Erhan Turcel met late yesterday with Foreign Ministry officials and was told that Syria set up a "specialised committee to investigate the incident of the downing of a Turkish plane near the Syrian-Turkish border," the ministry said.

The ministry statement issued late yesterday was the first official Syrian comment on the plane. It said the committee would "determine exactly what happened, and establish firm regulations to avoid similar regrettable incidents in the future."

The ministry said it "hopes that this incident will not affect the relations of friendship and good neighbourliness between the two countries."

It asked Turcel to "convey the condolences of the Syrian government to the Turkish government and the families of the victims in this painful incident."

It gave no details on how the plane was downed nor by whom.

Before meeting with the Syrian officials Turcel said "this is a regrettable incident between the two friendly countries, and I do hope the action was not deliberate."

Commissions from Turkey and Syria met today in Cilvegözü border town to investigate the alleged downing of a civilian Turkish aircraft, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The Turkish committee, headed by Hatay Governor Hanefi Demirkol, and a 10-member Syrian committee, headed by Hatay Governor Seyit Hassan, met at the Cilvegözü customs office at 11.30 am (0830 GMT), the agency said.

Anatolia did not report results of the meeting.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman, Murat Sungan, said yesterday that a propeller plane of the Turkish title deeds office was shot down yesterday morning by two Syrian MIG-21s that violated Turkish airspace. He said all five crew members of the Turkish craft were killed.

Sungan told reporters that Syria's ambassador to Turkey, Abdul Aziz Al Rifai, was called to the Foreign Ministry yesterday for "vehement protest of the incident."

He said at the time of the incident the Turkish plane was 20 kilometres (12 miles) from Syria. Demirkol said that the plane, split in two, was found in a mountainous area of the Hatay province bordering Syria.

He said that his investigation showed that both Syrian planes fired at the Turkish craft, adding that 10 12-centimetre-long (5-inch-long) empty shell cases were found near the wreckage.

Sungan said Turkey asked Syria for compensation and an explanation of the incident. Turkey's Ambassador to Syria, Erhan Turcel, met late yesterday with Syrian Foreign Ministry officials.

Syria has conveyed its condolences to the families of the five crew members and set up a special committee to investigate the incident, the Syrian Foreign Ministry said.

## Jordan town braces for polls

## Ma'an triggered change

MA'AN, Jordan, Oct 22. (Reuter): Six months ago they were burning police cars in this desert town in southern Jordan. Now they are festooning the streets with the banners of rival candidates in next month's parliamentary election, knowing it was their rage that nudged King Hussein to carry out his boldest experiment with democracy in more than 20 years.

"We never knew we had the power to change things for the better until the riots," said Radi Ahmed, a civil servant in Ma'an, part of the king's traditionally loyal tribal heartland.

"Ma'an people will be remembered for pointing out the pains of the Jordanian people and triggering change," he said.

Only a couple of blackened facades escaped the clean-up campaign after the April riots in which Ma'an youths battled police and troops, burning banks and government buildings.

The families of the five residents who died say they received a 3,000-dinar (\$4,700) lump sum and a 150-dinar (\$238) monthly pension in compensation.

Sudden price rises in line with an IMF-agreed austerity plan sparked the unrest. Twelve people were killed in Ma'an and other parts of southern and western Jordan.

The rioters were protesting not only at economic hardship but against a government they felt had lost touch with the people and was ignoring or suppressing public opinion.

The king, alert to the disaffection among his main east bank constituency, responded swiftly.

He sacked Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i and ordered his successor to prepare for elections and stamp out corruption.

Some 650 candidates, ranging from tribal chiefs to leftists and Muslim fundamentalists, plan to run in the Nov 8 poll, the first general parliamentary election since 1967.

Political parties have been banned in Jordan since 1957, but known Muslim fundamentalists, communists, Baathists and leftists are seeking to run for the 80-seat assembly.

In Ma'an, 215 km (135 miles) south of Amman, the campaign has exposed cracks in tribal authority, once paramount in most parts of rural Jordan.

A younger generation seeking change in challenging elders and blurring traditional lines of control.

"There is a struggle between the old and the new," said Tayseer Abu Darwish, an unemployed Ma'an resident.

"In the past the educational and intellectual merits of the tribe's candidate did not count. The chief commanded the members and their votes. Now the leaders are losing their power."

Each tribe used to field one candidate, normally the sheikh.

## Media interest wanes

### Intifada rages on

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 22. (Agencies): Empty bar stools at Jerusalem's American colony hotel are a sure sign that world media interest in the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule has waned.

At one time visiting correspondents thronged the cellar bar of Arab East Jerusalem's elegant hotel, the 19th century palace of an Ottoman pasha where Lawrence of Arabia once stayed.

But elbow room at the bar has increased as coverage of the uprising in the occupied territories, now nearly two years old, has dwindled in foreign newspapers and television.

"There are nearly no journalists staying here now," said hotel manager Ueli Munger. "The intifada (uprising) has become fourth page news."

Dr Joel Cohen, a media expert at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, said the number of foreign correspondents visiting Israel rose from about 60 a month in the two months before the intifada started in December 1987 to more than 300 afterwards.

The figure remained at 350 until April 1988, then dropped to half and dwindled to about 60 within months.

"The intifada died as a major daily news story after about five months," Cohen said.

Many correspondents say the story gripped world attention longer than that, but they agree that in recent months the focus has shifted from clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to political efforts towards a settlement.

"You can't get stories about how many Palestinians were killed or wounded today into overseas newspapers anymore," said Willy Bouman, correspondent for the Dutch KRO radio and television station who has worked in Israel for 20 years.

"You have to go beneath the surface, and if you do there are many interesting stories," she said.

Many Palestinians are unhappy at the diminishing coverage of daily violence in the occupied territories.

"I appreciated the role of the

### Mideast peace plan

## Intense talks go on

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 22. (Agencies): A top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that Israeli and American leaders were holding intense negotiations by telephone to try to bridge their differences over Middle East peace moves.

The contacts were reported as Shamir's governing partners in the left-leaning Labour Party threatened to support a parliamentary motion to topple the coalition cabinet unless he showed more flexibility with the Americans.

Shamir's adviser, Avi Pazner, denied reports that US efforts to arrange preliminary talks between Israeli and Palestinian representatives had broken down in disagreement over who the Arab negotiators would be.

"This is not true. We are at the height of negotiations with the Americans," Pazner said in a telephone interview.

Palestinians have the right to a homeland where they can live in peace, the Pope said today in an appeal for an end to conflict in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"I wish to make my own legitimate request of the Palestinian people to live in peace in their own country," the Pope said in his Sunday message, broadcast on Vatican Radio.

He described the Palestinians as a people worn down by decades of conflict with another power, without mentioning Israel by name.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Egypt today to consult President Mubarak on faltering efforts to bring Israelis and Palestinians together for peace talks.

foreign press so much at the start of the intifada, although lately they seem to be diverting their attention from the daily toll of casualties," said Radwan Abu Ayash.

He and Hanna Siniora, editor of the Arabic daily Al-Fair, noted that journalists face considerable constraints in covering the intifada.

An Israeli reservist due to start two years in jail for shooting dead two Palestinians, the most severe sentence given any soldier since the start of the uprising, was given time to appeal, the army said.

A centre containing a hotline for helping the Palestinian victims of the Israeli crackdown on the uprising has opened in East Jerusalem, a leading British newspaper reported today.

### ICRC seeks Syrian help

DAMASCUS, Oct 22. (Reuter): The International Committee of the Red Cross has asked Syria to help free two Swiss employees held hostage in Lebanon, a Red Cross official said today.

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## War-devastated Iraqi oil town of Faw bustling with life again

BAGHDAD, Oct 22. (Reuter): Half a million Iraqis are due to celebrate the rebirth of a devastated southern oil town whose recapture turned the tide of the Gulf war against Iran.

When a UN-sponsored ceasefire halted Gulf war fighting in August 1988, Faw was a bloodied, blackened ruin around which more than 170,000 soldiers were said to have been killed in some of the biggest battles of the war.

But after an ambitious rebuilding scheme the town is once again bustling with life and on Wednesday five Arab heads of state, including King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, will join Iraqis at Baghdad's grand festival square to celebrate Faw's resurrection.

Coloured stones from North Yemen adorn the gate of Faw while trees sent by Palestinians from Jerusalem take pride of place in its gardens.

According to the official media three million people took part in rebuilding the town, laid waste by millions of shells during eight years of war with Iran.

A 114-day reconstruction campaign restored drinking water, electricity, telephone, and sewage networks and included the dredging of 22 rivers.

President Saddam Hussein has described Faw as "the town of sacrifices and the gate to the great victory" (against Iran).

Iraq, which has already spent \$3.2 billion on the rebuilding of Faw and the southern port of Basra, says the reconstruction shows Baghdad wants a lasting peace with Tehran.

Hussein urged all Iraqis to either take part in rebuilding Faw or donate money. An appeal was also launched for foreign funds.

Kuwait donated \$10 million while Jordan built a primary school and houses for government employees, their gardens and facades featuring trees and stones donated by Palestinians in Jerusalem.

Yemeni masons built the Faw gate with special coloured stones shipped from their country.

Faw fell to Iran in February 1986 after a surprise attack across the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway dividing the two countries' borders at the head of the Gulf.

Battles raged for 42 days and eventually Iraqi troops managed to check the Iranian advance towards Basra.

Faw's population of 50,000 people had been evacuated early in the war.

Signs in Faw say 52,000 Iraqi soldiers and 120,000 Iranians were killed in the battles around the town which Iraq recaptured in an a two-pronged offensive

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## EVENTS



The representatives of the different schools participating in the competition.



An IAC member applies "tilak" to Mrs Budhiraja.

## Children's competition begins

INDIAN Ambassador, Arun Kumar Budhiraja, on Friday inaugurated the children's competition at the IAC. More than 1,600 children are taking part in several events, organised by the IAC for the Nehru Centenary Year.

Budhiraja, who presented his credentials recently, assured to continue offering help and co-operation to the Indians, especially those who represent various socio-cultural groups.

IAC vice-president K.K. Nair welcomed the guests. Air-India assistant manager George Tharakan introduced judges of various events. An oath taking ceremony was also held.

The IAC Children's Competition continues throughout the month, with the events spread over several days. The schedule of events for Oct 23 is as follows: Fancy Dress (Group B 5.30 pm; IAC main hall); recitation (Group C 5.30 pm, IAC badminton hall); modern music (Indian Embassy Hall, 6.30 pm).

The events scheduled for Oct 24 are: Fancy Dress (Group B, IAC, 5.30 pm); Recitation (Group C, IAC badminton hall, 5.30 pm); Modern Music (Group E, 6.30 pm, Indian Embassy); Hindustani music (group D, 7 pm, Indian Embassy); Carnatic music (group E, Carnatic music, 8 pm).

## KTV 1

## MORNING

- 9.30 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 9.50 Around the World: Cartoon Serial
- 10.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.20 Al Ghaba: Daily Arabic serial (part 6)
- 11.35 Popular Variety from United Arab Emirates
- 12.20 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

## EVENING

- 4.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today Via Satellite (repeat)
- 4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalthe: Cartoon Serial (part 24)
- 5.15 Children and Summer: Local Programme presented by Mama Anisa
- 6.00 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
- 6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Qods

## Historical Serial (part 19)

- 7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious Programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawqi Ibrahim
- 8.00 Omsiyat Al Ithneen: Local Programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjis
- 8.30 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Al Mukafa: Arabic Serial (part 4)
- 10.30 Masra Al Motanabi: Historical Serial (part 4), starring Abdullah Ghaith, Sameeha Ayoub, Amarna Rizq
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 Little Rascals: A cartoon series for Children

## 6.30 Wild Life "Echidna."

A look at a strange animal in Australia which resembles a hedgehog!

## 7.00 Roving Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...

## 7.30 Charles in Charge "Role Model". Charles refuses to join a Mannequin Training Centre... But later on, he changes his mind... How?

## 8.00 News in English. 8.30 The Scientific Progress. A weekly local programme on scientific matters...

## 9.00 Studio B-5. "Sonny Spoon."

## 10.00 Better Days. "A is not a Home." Three students attempt to help a poor man, who is living in his old car, to move into more comfortable place...

## 10.30 Jake and the Fatman. "Why Don't You." A Senator is killed in an airplane accident



KTV 2, 10.30 — Jake and the Fatman

while he was on an inspection tour... Jake and the Fatman have to investigate whether it was a mere accident or murder.

11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

## Aliw '89

ALL Filipinos are awaiting the forthcoming grand final of Kapilku Night, a singing contest known as Aliw '89 (wholesome entertainment), another successful project of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku), which will be held on Friday, Oct 27, at Holiday Inn Hotel at 4.30 pm.

The qualified winners who will vie for the prestigious title of the Best Singers in Kuwait and who will be given the Presidential Cups are Melite Domingo, the Barbara Straisand of Kuwait, who sang Home which won her the first place in March, Rico J. Milan Mendez who became famous by his Puno's antics and popularised Buhay which won first place in March in the Sing-Alike contest, Benny Perez, the Matt Monro of Kuwait who never stops singing "Your Closer To Me", and Andy Gabriel, the Tom Jones who won the April contest in the Bagong Kampeon and Sing-Alike contests. Not to be outdone are the new sensation of young singers — Rey Valera of Kuwait, Rey Lapuebla and Paul Randrup, the opera singer who both won the first place in September for the Sing-Alike and bagong Kampeon contests respectively.

The runners-up are: Leonardo Lapira, Vic San Buenaventura, Romy Alojado.

The champions in both divisions, that is, Bagong Kampeon and Sing-Alike contests will receive return ticket (Kuwait-Dubai-Kuwait) plus free hotel accommodation in five star hotel for seven days. The tickets are donated by Don Kananggara, director of Trico Int'l Ltd. The second and third prizes will be awarded valuable prizes. All the winners will also receive trophies from the organisers and sponsors.

Flamboyant Sara Macarimbang, vice president for social and cultural affairs, is the chairperson of this project. Rod Cerezo is the co-ordinator.

For details please contact the chairperson on telephone 4843447 or Rod Cerezo. Food and drinks will be served at KD2.500 for Aliw '89 Affair.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

available for private company and community tournament. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coaches everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available plus lots more. Phone for further details: recreation manager, 4742000 ext 6785 Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.

Indoor games THE Bangladesh Association will hold an indoor games competition in the embassy's premises for chess, bridge, table tennis and carom (ladies and gents separately) from November 9 to 24, '89. Interested participants are requested to contact for registration on or before October 31, '89 with any of the following persons: Zaki 4741876, Yusuf 4314193, Quamrul 3922257, Mahbub 4744490, Mahmud Hassan Babu 4742656 and Ashraf Hosain Rubel.

## CINEMA

- Al Andalus Arabic film
- Salmiyah Hall booked
- Al Hamra Arabic film
- Drive-in Arabic film
- Al Firdous
- Dil Tujhko Diya
- Fahsheel Open Jaani Dost
- Fahsheel Deadly Reactor
- Al Jahra
- A Time for Loving
- Granada
- Shoolin Magnificent Disciples
- Selabikhat Iron Master
- Jeeb Prem Kahani
- Ahmad Drive-In
- Thor the Conqueror

## PRAYERS

- Fajr 4.35 am
- Zohr 11.32
- Asr 2.45 pm
- Maghreb 5.10
- Isha 6.28

## SHERATON

Kuwait City  
Al Shark Pharmacy  
Safat Market  
Al Muntassir Pharmacy,  
Ahmed Al Jaber Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Sabah Pharmacy

Al Othman Street  
Al Sahilya  
Al Shefa Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak Street  
Al Fahsheel  
Burgan Pharmacy  
Souk Al Sabah

Khalifa  
Al Hayat Pharmacy  
Ibn Zuhair Street  
Al Jahra  
Al Khaled Pharmacy,  
Opposite the Co-operative Society



## Sheraton hosts reception for overseas clients

Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently hosted a reception for their clients in Bahrain and Dubai in appreciation for their support. The highlight of the evening was the Grand Raffle which was enthusiastically received by all. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

Pictures show Holger Wessel, General Manager, Glory Jarjoura, Director of Sales with some of the invitees.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Islamic Art**  
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon, October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

**Sultan Gallery**  
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faissal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

## SOCIAL

**NRI lunch**  
THE NRI Investors Forum will host a lunch for the Indian Ambassador Arun K. Budhiraja on Oct 27. All members interested should contact one of the following before Oct 23: Harish Dhutiyia — 3744127 (Res); Gururaj Rao — 3650487 (Res); evenings only. Parvash Kumar Merwah — 5628171 (Res); S. Anantharaman — 5615547 (Res).

**Konkani drama**  
Sponsored by the new G.O.A., Goa's ace dramatist M. Boyer will present "Chintnam Za'im Sopnam" a Konkani drama at the Indian Arts Circle on the 2nd and 3rd of November 1989. The artists, all coming from Goa, will include Jacinto Vaz, Remy Colaco, Betty Naz and others. Tickets are available at Canary Video (Sharq) and Video Clock (near GPO).

**Narthana**  
AS a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narthana" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IAC hall on Nov. 9. The popular historical story took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted with passes which are available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/5643126.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 355 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel. 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Navelium feast**  
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navelium will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Known to be one of the biggest feasts in Salcete Goa, people from all walks of life and communities flock to Navelium Church. Likewise, it has been traditionally celebrated by Navelium youths in Kuwait with much pomp and gaiety, followed by a get-together.

**Navelium Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: A annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping-Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945

**Magie show**  
NOV. 9, 10: Expatriate Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. For details contact Wilson 3918905, Val 5614506 after 5 pm. Tickets

available at Raja Stores. Tel. 2412970.

**Barefoot in the Park**  
There are now only a few tickets available for the gala performance at 8 pm on Oct. 31, 1989 of the hilarious comedy "Barefoot in the Park". Tickets for the gala performance are KD4.000, which include a light buffet after the show. Other performances are from Nov 1 to 4, inclusive, at 8 pm, and tickets for these performances are KD3.000 each. The play is directed by Ken Winston and produced by Glenis Muckle. If its laughter you're after, you are advised to reserve your seats now, by ringing 3903475.

**Kalpak's drama competition**  
Kerala Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a Malayalam drama competition on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will only be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction. Stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Varghese Paradayil, P.O. Box 47, 13001 Safat Kuwait.

For more details pls contact Varghese 5635481, Kurien 5658072 or Balakrishnan 4316737.

**Breeze 89**  
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Cassino or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

## Festival of lights

OCT 28: A seasonal programme for IAC members and guests on Sat 28th. For passes contact Mohan George 3904817 (after 6.30pm) or Vijay Sharma (2644863).

**Kuwait Kannada Koota**  
NOV 3, 5 pm: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day Celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact 5621922/5650264/5745483/3714089.

**Anarkali**  
OCT 29: Special passes for IAC members for the Anarkali Ballet available in the IAC office.

**Kuwait Cultural Centre**  
NEW courses at the cultural centre: yoga healing classes, two sessions in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Jujitsu (martial arts), Saturday and Mondays; pm; Chinese cooking classes, Saturdays, 9-11 am. For details call 5624393.

**Music show**  
DEC 1: Musical entertainment show at Doha Entertainment City in the 'Starlight Theatre' with live rock 'n' roll, pop and Reggae music from the most popular and dynamic beat groups of Kuwait: Top Ranks, Next and Kins.

The highlights: Fancy Dress competition, stage performance of jive, break dance and solo dancing by Joe Misquitta, Tony and their dancing group, including many more surprises. For complete details tinkle on: 4879455 ext 353 Hilary or 2546890/2661370 (9am to 1pm & 4pm to 7.30 pm) or 2420561 Urban.

**Harvest festival**  
THE National Evangelical Church in Kuwait is organising the 4th International Harvest Festival to take place at the church compound on Thursday, November 2nd from 1-5 pm. The compound is located at the corner of Hilali and Arabian Gulf Streets (opposite

the National Assembly Building).

Come early, 1 pm opening, and choose your lunch from an international selection of home cooking. You may buy your Christmas gifts from a variety of stalls, try your skill at various games, browse through the Second Hand Book table, and when you are hungry again there will be a Hot Dog Stall, or if you have a sweet tooth, try ten (or coffee) and cake.

The proceeds go to charities all over the world. Do your bit to feed the hungry and heal the sick.

## Flaskik's Halloween

THE Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (Flaskik) celebrates the finest weather in Kuwait and the magical aura Halloween night with a costume party at the Meridian Hotel's Al Jahra Ballroom on Tuesday, October 31, 1989. Flaskik friends and supporters should look forward to an enjoyable evening as once again Flaskik enjoins the Filipino community and their friends to share some of their blessings to the distressed Filipino workers in Kuwait. The proceeds of Halloween night will be used to fund the vital welfare project of Flaskik which has relentlessly given assistance to the unfortunate Filipino workers here.

Guests are encouraged to wear their costumes to the affair to add an aura of mystery to the evening. Aside from a sumptuous dinner and a show featuring a bevy of talents from Flaskik friends, a contest among the guests will offer trophies and other valuable prizes to the spookiest costume, the most original costume and most colourful. A special contest will also judge Michael Jackson's look-alike in the best-selling movie — "Thriller". Flaskik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias and the Flaskik Executive Board promises a very entertaining evening for all Flaskik supporters. Tickets are available at KD 5 in various outlets: Bob-

by's gift shop, Ambassador Store, Kabayan Restaurant, Mabuhay Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Good Hand Restaurant and Durran International Exchange.

For more details please contact the event chairperson Flaskik Pro Rose Formantes, Vesp Chary Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Marilyn Inductivo Tel: 3940600 ext. 4521 and 2230; RC Ruiz Tel: 4819920 or 4849400 ext. 298, Cely Cayaba, Tel: 3940600 ext. 4118, Evelyn Dungo Tel: 5312700 ext. 4521 and 2269, Malou Jadena, 4892714, Eva Sabay Tel: 4872549.

## British Council

Storytelling session: Oct 26. The British Council will hold a storytelling session on Thursday at 10.30 am. Children of all nationalities, aged 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the magic of books.

## Palestinian exhibition

The General Union of Palestinian Women will be holding its 13th General Palestinian Folklore Exhibition at the Special Hall of the International Fairgrounds in Mishref. The exhibition will be on Tuesday Oct 24, 6-9pm, Wednesday and Thursday (25 and 26) at 10-1 and 4-30-6:30 and Friday 27 at 10 am - 1 pm and 3 pm - 8 pm.

**People's Trust Club**  
DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

**Ladies International League**  
THE purpose of LIL is to offer women of all nationalities an organisation in which they can enjoy events and activities and, at the same time, meet women of many nationalities

and, in that way, gain an insight to the people and culture of other countries.

As our world becomes smaller each day with the ever increasing speed of travel, who knows when you may be in a foreign country new to yourself. Hopefully, as a member of LIL, you will have met someone from that country and know a little of its people and their culture.

Accept the challenge to open yourself up to the new friendships and a new year in Kuwait by joining LIL. Attend the informal and fun monthly meetings and join in the social events and activities.

Upcoming events: New-comers meeting: October 30 1989 Surra. For further information please phone Neera, 3914503 or Dianne, 5335598. Bazaar: November 2 1989 (Kuwait International Hotel) Safat Room.

1st 'Big' meeting: November 6, 1989 (Kuwait Regency Palace) Al-Bida' Room.

Watch the Arab Times for more information on LIL. Ladies International League Bazaar: to be held Thursday, Nov 2 at Kuwait International Hotel, Safat Room, from 10 am to 6 pm. Come and buy handicrafts from all over the world. Also, tents and Al Assaf Gifts (SAS Hotel) will be there. Raffle and door prizes.

## SPORTS

**At the Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre**

**SWIMMING** Lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon-Tues-Wed 3.30 to 5.30. Thurs-Fri 12-1 noon and 1-2, Sat 5-6pm. Ladies keep fit Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 n Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial arts with black belt instructor Mon-Wed 6, Taekwondo Sat-Mon, 7-8 Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Aid for Poland, Hungary approved

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22, (UPI): The House of Representatives voted yesterday to authorize spending \$837 million to promote economic and political reforms in Poland and Hungary and what a key congressman called "the unraveling of communism in Eastern Europe."

President Bush has proposed \$451 million in aid for the two pivotal nations that are emerging from the grip of state-controlled economies and the rule of communism and turning to Western-style capitalism and democratic reforms.

The House voted 345-47 in favour of the bill and sent it to the Senate, where a \$1.2 billion aid plan is pending. Congress must appropriate the money in a separate process.

Senate and House leaders have accused Bush of being timid in his response to the opportunities of political reform in Eastern Europe, but the President has urged caution, especially in Poland, until the new governments commit themselves to market-driven economic reforms.

For over the course of the last 40 years, we have spent literally trillions of dollars to prevent the communication of Western Europe," representative Stephen Solarz, Democrat of New York, said of the United States' commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. "Can we not now afford \$800 million to facilitate the unravelling of communism in Eastern Europe?"

Democrats and Republicans, often divided on foreign policy, were virtually united in calling for greater assistance to Hungary and Poland, which is to receive 85 per cent of the proposed aid.

Representative John Dingell, Democrat of Michigan, said Bush had offered a good proposal, but that dire economic conditions in Poland have overtaken it "and it is our responsibility now to pass something more meaningful."

"This bill carries a price tag, but in a dollar-and-pence way, it is an extraordinary cheap way to redirect the course of history," representative Jim Leach, Republican of Iowa, said.

## Production dips in key sectors

WARSAW, Poland, Oct. 22, (AP): Production fell in seven key sectors, including food and steel, during the third quarter of 1989 while prices and wages grew in an inflationary spiral, according to another gloomy government report published yesterday.

The steel, chemical, paper, engineering, transport, food and fodder industries produced less in the first nine months of the year than during the same period of 1988, according to the main statistical office.

At the same time, there was a 30 per cent increase in production from Poland's private sector, newly liberated from many government regulations. But because the private sector accounts for only about 6 per cent of the economy, the report said.

There were better results from the government's power, mineral, timber, electro-engineering, electrical, textile, clothing and printing industries, the report said.

Several factors have been blamed for the production drop: outdated factories; lack of production materials; factories not paying suppliers for lack of payment from customers; and the flight of workers to the private sector, black-market activities or to work abroad, where they can earn more.

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KUWAIT, Oct. 22, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.			
Period	Bid	Offered	
1 month	8-1/16	8-7/16	
3 months	8-1/4	8-1/2	
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2	
1 year	8-1/4	8-1/2	
Indian rupee			
	17.880		
Sri Lanka rupee			
	14.270		
Pakistan rupee			
	9.190		
Bangladesh taka			
	299.30		
US dollar			
	4.700		
Pound sterling			
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UAE dirham			
	1.6125		
Japanese yen			
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## US stock market jolts the world again

NEW YORK, Oct. 22, (UPI): Wall Street breathed a sigh of relief as the stock market recovered from last week's precipitous 190.58-point drop on the Dow Jones industrial average.

The Dow closed up 88.12 points Monday, regaining about half of its loss on Friday the 13th. Volume hit more than 416 million, the fourth highest on record.

At the end of the trading week, the Dow showed its largest single weekly gain, 119.88 points.

New York Stock Exchange chairman John Phelan Jr. described the plunge as a "squall" hitting the market. He attributed the recovery to cool-headed investors who rode out the storm and went bargain-hunting rather than fleeing the market as they did in 1929.

"Obviously, everyone we get this kind of reaction it's going to make everybody nervous, including me," he said Monday, adding that "all the participants behaved very, very responsibly today."

Phelan attributed the market minicrash in large part to news that a buyout plan by UAL Corp. pilots and management and British Airways failed to find financing, and downplayed the role of computerized programme trades that were widely blamed for their role in the 1987 crash.

Another significant move on the stock market came Thursday, the second anniversary of the 1987 crash, when the Labour

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The rate, which continued a four-month period of modest inflation at the consumer level, was lower than generally expected by economists who had anticipated a rebound in seasonally adjusted car and energy prices and a sharper rise in food costs.

The reports that inflation remained under control in September sent the Dow up almost 40 points, as investors' hopes for lower interest rates were revived. The stock market's minicrash knocked the dollar down — a feat that weeks of co-ordinated intervention by the Federal Reserve bank and other Group of Seven monetary authorities had failed to do.

By the end of the week, the dollar was changing hands in New York in the 1.84-85 mark range, after trading at more than 1.9 West German marks on the eve of the Dow's Friday the 13th dive.

"I think we've lost most of the upside potential," one dealer said. Amid Monday's market recovery, Donald Trump withdrew his \$7.54 billion offer for AMR Corp., the parent of American Airlines, citing the "recent change in market conditions."

The New York real estate developer said he may sell his stake in AMR, acquire more share or make a new offer at a lower price for the nation's largest carrier.

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## Soaring prices may resist US diplomatic pressure

## Regulations keep land prices high in Japan

TOKYO, Oct 22, (Reuters): As the United States steps up its campaign to eliminate Japan's trade barriers, the toughest nut to crack may be the country's high land prices.

Regulations keeping land prices high and housing cramped were described by the United States as a "structural impediment to trade" at bilateral talks in Tokyo in August. The impediment will crumble only gradually, the experts said.

"Reform will be slow and difficult despite what the United States has to say about it," said Mark Brown, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan).

Washington argues that high land prices act as a trade barrier by keeping homes small, savings high and foreign investment in land expensive.

If Japanese could move to larger homes, the argument runs, they would spend a lot more on household products.

The United States hopes reforms lowering land prices will boost Japan's

economy, thus raising demand for American products.

"Land prices are a barrier to foreign investment in Japan but it is not so easy to just say 'drop land prices,'" said analyst Daniel Nielson at SBCI Securities (Asia). "Japan will not reform solely out of foreign pressure, but the pressure gives it an additional tool," he said.

At about \$1,200 trillion, the nominal value of all the land in Japan is about 2.5 times that of the United States.

The value of the 1.15 million square metres (12.8 million square feet) on which the Imperial Palace sits in Central Tokyo is commonly held to be equal to the value of all the land in California.

The main reason for Japan's high land prices is that too many people live on too little land, most of it mountainous. Japan had 321 people per square kilometre in 1986 compared to 26 in the United States and a world average of 36, according to a Japanese research institute.

Tokyo's prices are the most astron-

omical. It had two big chances to ease its urban squeeze, after the 1923 Great Kanto earthquake and after World War Two, but missed both.

"It's a sorry state where almost everything in Tokyo is built up and once things are built up, it is almost impossible to change," said analyst Alan Woodhull at Merrill Lynch Japan.

Regulations have exacerbated Japan's natural problems.

Property taxes are low and land transaction taxes high, which means many people hold on to their land rather than pay a huge chunk in taxes and lose good collateral.

"If it is a good piece of property, it would be stupid to sell. It's the single best investment ever in Japan," Woodhull said. "When in doubt, they plant cabbages or paint stripes."

Cabbages refer to gardens planted on unused land that allow it to qualify as agricultural. Taxes on agricultural land in urban areas are up to 80 times lower

than residential rates. The pool of agricultural land in metropolitan Tokyo is roughly equivalent to the total space occupied by buildings.

The stripes refer to small parking lots, good investments when not much else is profitable on land parcelled out in plots about the size of a US living room.

Japanese land is rarely sold in large lots. Tokyo's 5.6-hectare (12.3-acre) Arc Hills commercial-residential complex took 15 years to build and involved 350 separate landowners, Brown said.

Renting is not always a good option thanks to law which makes it very difficult for landowners to raise rents or turn out tenants.

Reform, though under discussion, is politically delicate. A rise in taxes on land holdings would be seen as unfair to poorer people and a lower land transaction tax would benefit land speculators.

Raising taxes on urban farmland would be unpopular among farmers, who have traditionally been strong sup-

porters of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

A national land agency survey showed land prices in metropolitan Tokyo fell modestly in the year to July 1, 1989, for the first time since the survey began in 1975, due to new price controls. Prices in the country as a whole rose.

Analysts said Tokyo prices had hit bottom and should rise, albeit at a more gradual pace than the double-digit rises before 1988.

"Tokyo is the centre and everyone wants to go there. Demand is strong, therefore it will be difficult for prices to fall," said Hisao Fukumoto of the Japan Real Estate Institute.

No one predicts a quick fall in land prices too much of Japan is invested in them.

"They don't want to do anything that would trigger a financial collapse. Japan's real-estate market is potentially bigger than all Latin American debt," said Woodhull.



Bachir A. Barbir addresses the seminar.

## Dealers' seminar

THE Kuwaiti Forex Club and the Gulf International Bank had jointly organised a two-day dealers' seminar, which ended here Sunday at the SAS hotel.

Bachir A. Barbir, executive vice-president of GIB set the proceedings rolling after which Dr Henry Azam chief economist of GIB made a presentation on the economic aspects of the subject.

This was followed by Money Market and Foreign Exchange presentations by Bachir A. Barbir and Rasool Turki, Assistant vice-president of GIB.

On the second day, options presentation was made by Nareesh Nagia and Karen Kozub. Barbir made the closing speech.

Kozub had come all the way from New York, where she works with GIB, for the presentation.

In his presentation, Turki said in the mid-eighties, as corporate cash balances swelled, hedging had evolved into a sophisticated procedure and volatility had exploded. This, he said, resulted in a surge of huge capital into foreign exchange markets over the last decade.

The volume has increased tremendously since the late seventies from \$70 billion a day to 500 billion a day recently, he said.

## KD rate higher against the dollar

Gulf Bank weekly market review

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was higher against the dollar ending the week at 298.18 fils compared with its week before last closing of 298.89 fils. The KD was lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 475.39 fils compared with its week before last closing of 466.27 fils. The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 161.27 fils compared with its week before last closing of 157.51 fils. The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 183.69 fils compared with its week before last closing of 180.08 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 432.77 fils compared with its week before last closing of 433.17 fils. The KD was higher against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As to the KD money market, short term interbank offers traded relatively lower over the week. One-month interbank rates traded, over the week, within 8.43 per cent - 8.56 per cent range compared with 8.50 - 8.56 per cent range the week before last. While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.50 per cent - 8.56 per cent range which is the same range of the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded within the same range of the previous week around 8.50 per cent - 8.56 per cent for both 6 and 12 months respectively.

The CBK announced its new T-bill issue No. (75) of KD100 million, with effective and maturity dates of October 25, 1989 and January 24, 1990 respectively.

## World stock market

Wall Street stock prices fluctuated last week but recovered from the previous week's sharp fall to move higher. Late in the week, blue chips gained on late session buying related to the "double witching" expiration of certain stock index futures. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2687 and closed higher at 2695, recording a gain of 20 points over the previous week's closing of 2675.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange were depressed last week. The FTSE-100 index was seen closing about 2.6 per cent down on the week from 9 lower on Monday after New York's sharp fall on October 13. It opened the week at 2115 and closed higher at 2176, but recorded a loss of 65 points over the previous week's closing of 2241.

## US dollar

The dollar over most part of the week traded mixed, while continuing worries over the vulnerability of the US stock prices still hangs over the dollar currency. US September Consumer Price Index (CPI), rose for the month of September by 0.2 per cent which is far below market expectation. Furthermore, US trade deficit for the month of August increased by 2.1 per cent to \$10.77 billion which is the largest gap recorded this year since December 1988 when the gap was recorded at \$10.80 billion. The August deficit was inflated by a surge in imports and a decline in exports. Although a wider trade gap had been generally forecast due to expectations of higher oil imports, however, value of oil imports was unchanged in August at \$4.37 billion. Accordingly, August worsening deficit cannot be blamed on oil.

It is apparent that progress is needed on the trade front itself to correct the trade imbalance. US imports in August increased by 6.4 per cent to bring total imports for the month to \$41.18 billion against \$38.71 billion in July. On the other hand, exports eased in August by 0.2 per cent to \$30.41 billion. The decline of exports is largely attributed to the early effects of the higher dollar and some sluggishness in overseas economic growth.

US housing starts fell in September by 5.2 per cent to bring an annual rate of 1.26 million units against 6.2 per cent fall in August and 1.3 million units on an annual basis. The US Commerce Department has previously reported August housing starts down by 5 per cent to 1.4 million units. With September's new reported figure, housing starts recorded its lowest level in 7 years. The housing starts figure, which is a barometer of residential building in the United States, is the second piece of poor economic news this week, (beside trade deficit).

Next week's dollar range is seen relatively stronger against major currencies and with a clear US economic data due out next week, one may be able to define a clearer picture regarding the direction of the coming US interest rates policy.

## Pound sterling

The pound opened the week against the US\$ at \$1.5750/60 and closed higher at \$1.5880/90, but near its week before last closing of \$1.5830/50. After being easier early in the week, the pound firmed later in the week, helped by the small dollar fall.

Chancellor Lawson's monetary policy speech held no surprises. He repeated that the government planned to take sterling into the Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System (EMS) when inflation had fallen to European levels. He also repeated that there was no alternative to higher interest rates to get inflation down.

A host of economic data was released last week. UK Industrial production rose 1.5 per cent in August after a revised 1.4 per cent increase in July. UK retail sales rose 0.4 per cent in September after rising 0.5 per cent in the previous month. Also consumer spending rose a preliminary 0.1 per cent in the 3Q after a revised 1.6 per cent in the 2Q and was 3.8 per cent above the same period a year ago.

The pound continues to be viewed as a weak currency despite official UK pronouncements that interest rates will stay as high as needed. The UK currency is expected to come under pressure this week if the trade figures are bad.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the US\$ at \$1.4185/95 yen and closed the week lower at \$1.4245/55 yen compared to its week before last closing at \$1.4150/60 yen. The ease of the yen against the dollar was aided by strong Japanese institutional investor buying of the dollar against the yen.

Japanese investors as well as insurers over the week bought dollar heavily, especially following the announcement of a larger-than-expected US trade deficit. Despite the fall of the US stock market, Japanese investors continue to support the dollar as they feel that the overall performance of US assets are still good, accordingly they continue to buy long term US assets which makes it hard for the dollar to break the 140 yen level. Expectation of lower US interest rates by Japanese investors have also bolstered confidence in US markets by Japanese investors.

Since about 2.2 trillion yen in 10-year Japanese government bonds have matured in last August and another 2.2 trillion yen are due to mature this November, a major portion of it is most likely to be funnelled into dollar-based assets, accordingly we expect the yen to remain oversold against the dollar for quite sometime causing the yen to trade against the dollar within its low ranges.

## Further job cuts unveiled

NEW YORK, Oct 22, (UPI): American Telephone and Telegraph Co. said yesterday it will further reduce its work force through a sweetened pension plan affecting 34,000 managers and announced its third-quarter earnings rose a sharp 19 per cent.

Net income for the telecommunications giant, which has been hit hard by stiff competition since the industry was deregulated in 1984, was \$699 million, or 65 cents a share, compared with \$587 million, or 55 cents a share, in the like 1988 period.

Third-quarter revenues increased just 1 per cent to \$8.89 billion from \$8.81 billion. The company, which has laid off 75,000 employees since 1984, said the sweetened management pension plan nearly doubles to 34,000—or 11 per cent of its 298,000 work force—the number of employees who are eligible to retire with immediate pension payments.

Analysts said the third-quarter earnings and the job cuts were in line with Wall Street's expectations. ATT's stock, the most widely held issue on the New York Stock Exchange, rose 87.5 cents to \$43.375 a share.

"It's good to see they are continuing to do something to get costs down," said Gregory Sowers of Sanford C. Bernstein Co., adding that ATT's third-quarter income statement was disappointing on the cost side.

Industry observers have long accused ATT of being too fat around the middle, which is exactly where the company now will slim down.

"This is a gentle, generous way to reward the battle scarred and reduce overhead costs, which will help make us more competitive world-wide," said Burke Stinson, an ATT spokesman.

Joel D. Gross, a securities analyst with Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, said 10,000 to 12,000 workers were likely to take up ATT's offer this year.

## 'No mandate for economic reforms'

WARSAW, Oct 22, (Reuters): The Communist Party has warned the Solidarity-led government that it lacks a popular mandate for its sweeping plans to switch Poland to a free market economy.

The party said in a statement published on Friday that the issues involved were so crucial that the government had to get popular approval by negotiating a "social agreement" with representatives of the working classes.

"Concepts as important as a free market economy, privatisation of national assets, unemployment and replacing state social policy with the charity of the rich cannot be implemented without social approval, without the consent of the working people and an agreement signed by them," it said.

The statement was the first clear sign that the communists who last month lost power after 45 years, might move into a political alliance with the communist-led Opz unions that could confront the government.

Party spokesman Jan Bisztyga issued the warning a week after the government published its plans to curb hyper-inflation and quickly introduce market mechanism and capitalist institutions.

Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz warned of temporary recession and 10 to 20 per cent unemployment and said there would be no visible sign of improvement for at least a year.

## Bindal public issue closes

THE issue of fully convertible debentures aggregating Rs3950 million to the Indian public. Non-Resident Indians and preferential offer to shareholders/bondholders of group companies, Oswal Agro Mills Ltd and Oswal Agro Furane Ltd, which opened for subscription on 19th October, 1989, will close at the close of banking hours on Monday, 23rd October, 1989, the earliest closing date as per prospectus.

## Cash-strapped Jordan seeks more Arab aid

Bank chief visits Gulf states

KUWAIT, Oct 22, (Reuters): Cash-strapped Jordan is seeking more aid from Gulf Arab states after having received more than \$300 million in the last few months, the Governor of Jordan's Central Bank was quoted today as saying.

Mohammed Said Al Nabulsi told a local daily that an earlier plan to place deposits with Jordan's Central Bank had been modified.

"We are currently studying a type of financial support in the form of a line of reserves (for) when we are forced to use it," he was quoted as saying.

Under the original plan, Jordan hoped for up to \$500 million in Arab deposits.

Nabulsi, now on a tour of Gulf states, gave no further details on the modifications, apparently designed to make the plan more appealing to the Gulf states.

He said official Arab aid—mainly from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq and Oman—had reached around \$300 million in the last few months.

Most of this had gone to build up Jordan's foreign reserves, which he said reached a low of around \$20 million in May.

With the help of deposits transferred from Jordan's commercial banks, the reserves recovered to \$500 million, but have now fallen back to 450 million, he said.

"The first step...to build up reserves was to request banks to give a portion of their foreign currency deposits as a reserve to the Central Bank," he said. "Banks were asked to give 35 per cent of their deposit."

"We don't consider them Central Bank assets because they are debts to the commercial banks."

He said Jordan's foreign debt was around \$8 billion, half in soft loans and a third from commercial banks.

"We will now begin to repay our foreign debts. Our ability to build up a large reserve over the last three months resulted from our not making loan payments," he said.

Meanwhile, Jordan's cost of

living has risen almost 19 per cent this year and more than 30 per cent in the 12 months to September, official figures show.

The Statistics Department said the index rose to 139.5 last month from 117.6 at the end of 1988 and 106.3 in September 1988.

The index is based on a basket of items a low-income family might use, including housing, transport and education.

Economists say government borrowing to finance a series of growing budget deficits and the dinar's loss of 40 per cent of its official dollar value in the past year have combined to fuel inflation in Jordan after years of relative price stability.

## Iraq plans fair

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Oct 22, (AP): Sixty-four countries and hundreds of foreign firms will take part in the 1989 Baghdad International Trade Fair to open Nov 1, a senior trade official said yesterday.

Falah Mirza, head of the State Company for Fairs and Trade Services, told the Associated Press.

Only sixty countries participated in last year's fair, one of the Middle East's largest.

Mirza said his company has allowed exhibitors this year to sell parts of their displays in hard currency while there will be no restrictions on sales in Iraqi dinars.

He said this year's fair has attracted more companies from the United States and Europe, some taking part for the first time since the fair was established in 1963.

## KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Oct 22, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates eased today in the shorter dates ahead of monthly salary payments, but there was virtually no trade, dealers said.

Overnight was offered at seven per cent after trading at 8-1/4 per cent yesterday. Tomorrow-night and spot next fell to 7-1/2 seven from 8-1/4 eight, while one week softened 1/4 point to 8-1/4 7-3/4.

Dealers said rates were dampened by expectations that salary payments would begin flowing into the system on Monday, driving down rates.

The longer periods were unchanged, with one month indicated at 8-3/8 1/8 and three months to one year at a uniform 8-7/16 3/16.

## 17 countries to take part

## Gulf food exhibition

FIRMS from seventeen countries will participate the second Gulf food exhibition, coming up soon at the Dubai World Trade Centre from November 5-9, 1989, under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Minister of Finance and Industry.

International support has been received from four national organisations of Australia, Denmark, France, and UK, who have confirmed their participation, making a total of twenty-two firms from seventeen countries including Belgium, Cyprus, Egypt, Hungary, Kuwait, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Thailand, USA, U.A.E. West Germany and Indonesia. Regional and local companies that are participating include Abela and Co., Al Majal, Americana Distribution Company, Al Gassim Dates Factory, Elcome Establishment/Metel Trading, Food Industries Organisation, Food Industries Development Co. (Bim Bim), Hassani Food Industries, Ilabara Foodstuffs, International Foodstuffs Co., Kuwait Packing Materials Manufacturing Co., Middle East Packaging, MBD Trading Co., Masira International Company, National Biscuits Industries Ltd., National Biscuits & Confectionery Co. Ltd., Orient Food Factory, S&P Coconut Industries, Tomasco Agencies, Yousuf Habib Al Yousuf, Masira International Co., Rio Cafe de Brasil, Gulf International (Best Foods) AFM General Trading, Public Authority for Marketing Agriculture, Dureros Gulf Industries, AFM General Trading, Savola Saudi Vegetable and Oil Co., Abdulla Al Hamadi, Gulf Packaging Industry, Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (Palm Oil).

"Local and international interest in the fair, seems to have been influenced by the anticipated opening up of the re-export market to Iran and Iraq, and a buoyant market situation this year," says Sandra Royan, manager, exhibitions.

## Long-range changes a key Fresh move to end US-Japan deficit

WASHINGTON, Oct 22, (Reuters): US trade experts are pessimistic that America's huge trade deficit with Japan can be cut soon because basic changes are needed in US overspending habits and Japan's over-protective business practices.

"There is a recognition that if Japan opened its market tomorrow it would not end the trade deficit," said Edward Hudgins, economic specialist at the conservative, private heritage foundation in Washington.

Changing fundamental trends is the key and reform will mean a change of life for both sides that will take time, he said.

Japan must end collusive business practices and confusing distribution methods that make it

hard for foreigners to sell goods there, and the United States must promote savings and reform banking to aid US industrial development, Hudgins said.

The deficit with Japan makes up about a half of the US trade imbalance, which last year totalled \$120 billion, and all the pressure put on Japan over the last few years to open its markets has done little to reduce it.

"The deficit is primarily the result of a gap between what we save and what we spend," said George Washington University economist Robert Dunn, adding that he saw no quick resolution.

These issues are being taken up in so-called structural impediment initiative talks now

taking place between Japan and the United States.

But experts are pessimistic that the new strategy will produce any early political or economic changes in Japan or America.

"If we say, in our political climate, we can't do this overnight, they will say, in our political climate, we can't do it overnight," Hudgins said.

Dunn said Japan had a culture of protectionism, adding: "If you think a couple of billion here or a couple of billion there—rice, citrus, beef—is going to solve that kind of problem, you're kidding yourself."

The underlying problem was that the United States was living

beyond its means and must raise taxes or reduce spending, he said.

Dunn said the White House and Congress were deadlocked over what to do, and until they accepted the fact that taxes must be increased or spending reduced the issue would not be resolved.

The structural reform talks are intended to remove impediments to open trade, other specialists say, although they see little being done on the US side.

US Trade Representative Carla Hills has said she wants progress from these talks by next March, when the United States is to make an interim report on changes Japan is making in its business climate. A final report is due by July.

## Dowty opens aviation office

'Bahrain is the ideal base'

DOWTY Aviation Services Private Ltd, a branch of Dowty Singapore, announced the opening in Bahrain of a Middle East representative office last week.

The office will be responsible for technical and marketing support of the company's repair and overhaul services for the aviation industry, plus the sale of aircraft and parts.

Responsibilities of the office will cover the Middle East region from Pakistan to Egypt and through the Arabian Peninsula. Previously this was conducted from Singapore.

The opening of this office reflects the growth of Dowty Aviation Services' business in the region, and the importance of establishing closer links with customers, says Rob MacGregor, general manager, Middle East.

"A high level of technical support, available promptly, is the vital component for aircraft operators in reducing downtime and avoiding escalating operational costs," he said.

"Bahrain is the ideal base, providing excellent air

and now road communications with other parts of the region.

"There is no other major private aviation service of this sort with a Middle East presence, so this is our way of establishing a distinct competitive edge," said Rob MacGregor.

The company is a member of the Dowty Group Plc, a leading international high technology engineering and electronics enterprise, manufacturing advanced systems and products for aerospace, defence, maritime, information technology and industry markets.

Dowty Aviation Services engages in fixed wing and helicopter aircraft maintenance and structural repair. Component overhaul can be carried out on aircraft up to the size of a 747; major refurbishment and inspections up to and including the Boeing 737.

Facilities exist for avionics, instrument and electrical spares support, quality assurance and software development.

The company also sells small-to-medium sized aircraft as well as spares and parts.

## Senegalese reluctant to swallow World Bank austerity

DAKAR, Oct 22, (Reuters): The government of Senegal, feeling the crunch of an austerity policy aimed at arresting economic decline, faces mounting opposition to tough medicine prescribed by the World Bank and Western donors.

In less than a week this month, President Abdou Diouf faced open rebellion from two influential groups hitherto his staunchest traditional supporters.

Disgruntled market traders staged a one-day strike to protest against increase in sales tax and import duties and powerful trade unions opposed new employment regulations hastily passed in Parliament.

"Menacing clouds are gathering over Senegal's horizon which herald stormy times ahead for the government," warned the independent weekly Sud-Hebdo.

The tax increases meant that almost every household item such as soap, milk and butter has gone up by at least 10 per cent in markets and shops. The government, anxious to head off further protests among the seven million population, said staples such as rice, tomato, purple, cooking oil and sugar would not be affected.

The changes in the labour laws enable employers to hire seasonal staff on temporary contracts and to dismiss workers more easily—

two measures demanded by the World Bank to boost local industry and attract foreign investors.

Commentators say the current signs of discontent could shatter an uneasy domestic truce observed on the political front since last April's ethnic and territorial conflict with Mauritania. Senegal's vocal opposition parties have accused Diouf of giving in to the World Bank's "economic diktat" to ensure the government's political survival.

Public dissatisfaction might also shake foreign investors' confidence in Senegal's political stability and prospects for economic recovery in the long run.

During a stormy meeting with union leaders last week, Diouf did not mince his words.

Independent newspapers quoted him as saying:

"Are you seeking the destruction of Senegal? Investors are fleeing our country for other African nations. I have my back against the wall and had the reforms been rejected, the government might have been unable to pay its wages in coming months."

The civil service wage bill rose to \$400 million last year despite a virtual salary freeze since the early 1980s.

Still reeling from a series of devastating

droughts in the 1970s and depressed world prices for groundnut oil and phosphates — its main commodity exports — Senegal adopted an austerity programme in 1979 to win desperately-needed foreign aid.

The government concentrated first on curbing the deterioration of Senegal's financial position, with some success.

In 1986, a seven-year adjustment programme was launched to tackle persistent structural causes of the crisis. It provides for the classic remedies prescribed by the World Bank to restore financial discipline and revive an economy burdened by a \$3.2 billion foreign debt.

The programme includes a big cut in the size of a bloated civil service, privatisation of 26 public companies and semi-state owned enterprises and a tightening of the lending policies.

Political analysts say the recent announcement of a World Bank-inspired scheme to reduce the number of civil servants on a voluntary basis could prove political dynamite for the government.

No figures or timing have been officially released but a senior cabinet minister told Reuters in April that a third of the 67,000 government jobs should ideally go in the next few years.

A substantial cut in the civil service is one of

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# 'I was born old, and I shall die young'

## Menuhin moves with agility

"I was born old, and I shall die young," Yehudi Menuhin mused as we sat talking in the living room of his elegant home here in London's fashionable Belgraveia section.

Indeed, the most striking quality upon first meeting the man who has been called the world's most distinguished violinist is his extraordinary youthfulness. In his seventh decade, Menuhin moves with the agility and ease of a teenager, while his face, with its alert, penetrating eyes, remains virtually unlined.

I had managed to catch Menuhin, or more precisely Sir Yehudi (the American-born musician received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth in 1966, but did not use the title until he became British citizen a few years ago) shortly before he was due to fly to a concert tour of the Far East, hosted by the city of Shanghai.

The orchestra is made up of 100 musicians between the ages of 18 and 24. As the orchestra's president and lead conductor, as well as a prime mover behind the organization, Menuhin was looking forward to the trip with enormous pride. Soon after our meeting, however, he summarily cancelled the tour. When we talked again, he was eager to tell why.

Referring to the June student killings at Beijing's Tiananmen Square, the violinist explains that "the revolution of the world, including my own, to this beastly extent was such that very, very sadly I told the orchestra, which was awaiting me, that I would not be coming."

What's not widely known about Menuhin is his preoccupation with world events. From an early age, he was acutely aware of the privileged access to people in high places all over the globe his position gave him.

As a result, for as long as he can remember he has always taken it upon himself to do something, however small, to "bridge

the gaps of understanding" between individuals on both a personal and international level, as he puts it. The prestigious Nehru Prize for the promotion of world peace is just one of the accolades he has received over the years which testify to his efforts in this area.

It's not surprising to learn, then, that shortly after the students began demonstrating, Menuhin sent a personal appeal by telegram to the Chinese government.

He urged Chinese leaders to welcome representatives of the students into their councils and to initiate them into the responsibilities and complications of politics, with the hope of gradually making the students feel that they had a voice in the process. Menuhin believes the leaders weighed his idea before choosing the more extreme measures that ultimately sent shock waves throughout the world.

In the aftermath of the massacre, Chinese officials at the highest level implored Menuhin to carry on with his tour, as planned, with the assurance that all would be "normal". But he declined.

"I wouldn't want to go to endorse the lie," says Sir Yehudi, "the lie being that nothing happened — that a few hooligans were chased out of the square, law and order was restored, and that everything was for the best." And, he points out, with more than one-third of the Asian Youth Orchestra coming from China, it would have been impossible to carry on, regardless.

There is a palpable sadness in Menuhin's voice as he speaks. Asians, and particularly the Chinese, he maintains, are vital to the perpetuation of excellence in music today. He notes that many of the world's best practitioners of Western music are coming out of the East, not the West. Having worked with many Asian musicians over the years, he attributes this phenomenon



Yehudi Menuhin

largely to attitude.

"People of Asian cultures simply work very intelligently," he observes. "And they also have a good understanding of the human body: they know how to go about using their body. They know how to relax, and they can work without tension for longer periods. When compared with Westerners, this understanding is a real advantage."

Menuhin's interest in the East, and China in particular, is longstanding. After first visiting China 12 years ago, he has made

a point of regularly inviting many of the country's musicians to study at his two schools.

In fact, the other side of Sir Yehudi's close involvement with the Asian Youth Orchestra comes from his special devotion to working with young people. The International Menuhin Music Academy in Gstaad, Switzerland, is for graduate string players, but the Yehudi Menuhin School in Stoke d'Abernon, England, accepts children as young as age six.

Rather than having to be

exceptional musically, all that is required of applicants for the British school is that they have a good ear, and instinctive sense of rhythm, good co-ordination, and a reasonable capacity for singing and instrument playing.

With these basics, Menuhin believes, it is not difficult to turn an enthusiastic young person into an accomplished musician, with a few years' training.

"Unlike adults who diffuse their energies in a number of areas," says Sir Yehudi, "the child gives everything to the one passion."

This single-minded quality is something Menuhin knows firsthand. The son of Russian-Jewish immigrants, the young Yehudi (in Hebrew meaning "the Jew," a name his mother chose in defiance of the anti-Semitism she found in early 20th-century America) discovered music at the age of two in his family's adopted home town of San Francisco. His father, a Hebrew school principal, and his mother, a teacher of the language, would often take their infant son to the city's symphony concerts.

After considerable pestering of his parents, the four-year-old Yehudi, inspired by the string players he had watched, began taking violin lessons. Three years later, in 1924, he made his concert debut.

Soon he was in demand everywhere. It has been said that, except for the young Mozart, no child musician before or since has aroused such attention. At age 11, he began touring the world — an activity he has continued nonstop up to this day.

Menuhin's pre-eminent success, he believes, owes as much to the support provided by his parents as to any natural talent. His father, after much soul-searching, decided to quit his job and so keep the family together while the boy travelled.

To Menuhin's parents, family life always came before anything else, he says. In yet another un-

orthodox move, both parents educated their son and his two younger sisters, themselves. Only music and language lessons were entrusted to tutors.

His unique upbringing meant that Menuhin largely missed out on the companionship of other children. As a result, he says, it took many years for him to feel comfortable with people his own age.

It also meant that having what amounted to a full-time career as a child — coupled with financially supporting his family — placed awesome responsibilities upon his very young shoulders. But, although Menuhin concedes in one breath to being "born old," he insists in the next breath that he never viewed his circumstance as burdensome.

"I'm not a person to think in terms of the way people see situations from the outside," he maintains. "People might say: 'He's supporting his family; this is a great responsibility' and therefore, I must be very good and work really hard, because I owe it to my parents. None of that... My main motive was to just play as well as I could."

Still, didn't he ever want to take a break from what must have been considerable pressure? "No," he replies without hesitation, going on to explain that, having visited nearly every country on earth and having become fluent in five languages, "I gained my freedom through my work and my life."

While Sir Yehudi has been saying publicly for years that he plans to cut back on his professional commitments in order to devote more time to his wife, four grown children, and six grandchildren, his schedule is currently jam-packed well into the 1990s.

A close friend comments, "He does more than 150 concerts a year, not to mention his many other public activities. He always says that he's going to reduce his workload but, instead, seems each year to get busier than ever."

# Computing to keep up with the times

By Fatima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

GERMAN Charlie Stubbe feared the world was passing him by as he watched children back home using the computer as a tool. He felt left behind. He feared if he didn't take up computing, he would not understand the world anymore. Promptly, he bought a home computer and took up personal computing to keep up with the times, without realising that it would one day become his profession.

Six years later, he stands on the threshold of change, proudly talking of his creation — the Info System, which he has designed and assembled with the help of two other friends.

Born and brought up in a middle-class family in Berlin, Charlie had no big ups and downs, and nothing special in life. He had no ambitions, nothing special. "Somebody always told me what to do," he recalls.

Not any more. Today, he is confident, ambitious and on the verge of striking it big.

The turning point in the life of the self-taught computer expert came three years ago when he quit his 20-year job in optics and shifted gear from the science of light and vision to the science of computer-chip technology and electronics.

Charlie had acquired sufficient knowledge about his new found "hobby," as he still prefers to call it, to turn it into a profession and joined a well-known German firm, which had a contract in Kuwait. Six months ago, he quit his job and set up shop, operating a video and TV commercial agency to make a living by day. By night, he and his two friends, worked on a prototype of what is now the Info System.

The idea for the Info System was born at a midnight rendezvous with his friends, who were discussing how difficult it was getting around in Kuwait, particularly at shopping complexes. "We had gone to a shopping complex and we wanted a drink. But we could not locate a restaurant," he said. This lack of information prompted them to create a public information equipment, with push-button technology. The idea caught on and Charlie, along with his friends, worked on the project.

It was an exciting process to design the system. They obtained some circuit diagrams and plans from Germany, designed electronics parts and assembled and tested the first model.

The first model was handcrafted, made of woods. It looked like a washing machine, terrible, bulky and scary," he said.

Learning from their past mistakes, they assembled and reassembled the machine, modifying the design to make it look attractive.

As they had a public venue for the equipment in mind, they had to make it "kidproof, vagrant-proof and dust-proof." So they avoided moveable parts on the outside, creating a touch-screen, a modified telephone, graphic computer and optical connections from the screen to the computer and vice-versa. Options include installation of a printer and a video player to alternatively display pictures or run commercials.

A couple of thousand dinars went into developing the first system. "We tried to keep it low-cost, affordable and accessible to everyone," said Charlie.

After several sleepless nights developing the product, Charlie is now marketing the product. "Some companies have shown an interest but they are not absolutely convinced," he said.

His ambition is to set up a proper production plant to manufacture the Info System. What if he can't sell the system? "I'll look for a job to support my family and then continue computing as a hobby," he said.

"I just can't stop now. I must go on..." he said.

Now that one project is done, he has begun research on assembling a computer for the blind. "I want to make a computer with all the feedback that a blind person needs, with a braille-touch and acoustics, for under thousand dinars," he explains.

Charlie, who has spent a total of six years in Kuwait with a two-year break in Germany says he would not like to return to his country.

"After staying for three years in Kuwait, I went back to Germany. I never felt at home anymore. If I can avoid it, I will. I won't stay all my life in Kuwait. I'm looking for a small paradise," he said.

Charlie may or may not find that paradise, but he has certainly moved on with the times, making a career out of a hobby. "I'm not an artist, but using graphics, if I have a picture I can shape it, give it form and improve it, create an object that nobody can build and let it fly around on the screen..."

Of course, on Charlie's computer. And, he no longer worries about being left behind....



Charlie Stubbe with his InfoSystem

# Contraceptive pill for men, new methods for women

"DARLING, have you taken your pill tonight?"

This bedside question could one day be asked of men as new lines of research, based on the human immune system, pave the way to greater male involvement in contraception, according to Dutch researchers.

Until now, the condom and vasectomy have been the main contraceptive methods available to men.

A "pill" type contraceptive for males eluded scientists because of the large numbers of sperm cells a man produces.

A contraceptive strong enough to render ineffective the 500 million sperm a man produces each day has a risky side effects — including the loss of desire.

Consequently most scientists focused research on women, who produce just one ovum (egg cell) a month.

But new research based on human immune system could one day give men

an alternative to condoms as a contraceptive.

"One form of male infertility is a disorder that causes antibodies which make sperm cells lumpy," explained Hans Vemer, a Nijmegen University professor who works for the pharmaceutical division of Dutch chemical firm Akzo.

"We're looking into ways to make healthy sperm cells lumpy too, making it impossible for the sperm cells to penetrate an ovum," he said, adding that a key element in the research was to ensure that the process was reversible.

Researchers are also looking into ways of making contraception easier for women with slow-release hormone systems that could one day replace the pill.

One system under development by Akzo is a vaginal ring which constantly emits low levels of contraceptive hormones. The ring works with lower amounts of the hormones than a pill.

"When a woman swallows the pill, there's first a peak amount of hormones in the body which decreases during the day. With an implant, the amount of hormones in the body is constant," Vemer said.

After a three-week period, a woman can take out the ring to prompt menstruation. She can also safely leave the ring in for three months and skip a few periods, Vemer added.

Another longer acting contraceptive now in development is the implant. A tiny rod of paste-like substance is injected just below the skin with a syringe in the upper arm. The implant also releases contraceptive hormones into the bloodstream at constant levels.

A woman can give herself the injection, taking enough contraceptives for one menstrual cycle or more.

In less-developed countries, the rods can be injected by doctors within a family

planning programme.

The advantage of the implant contraceptive is that the injection can be given immediately after birth and cannot be easily forgotten as can an oral contraceptive.

The new contraceptives make monthly menstruation unnecessary, but this could be viewed with trepidation rather than relief by some women.

"Menstruation every month is not necessary, but it seems more natural," Vemer added.

"After a while, women got nervous about not having a bleeding. Not having menstruation for many women means that they're either ill, old or pregnant," said Pieter van Keep, medical director at the firm's pharmaceutical division, referring to experiments carried out with contraceptives used for periods much longer than a month.

This is part of the reason companies

such as Akzo have not rushed into specially designed long-term oral contraceptives.

"Most of what we know about contraceptives, concerning side effects and safety, is based on research on periodical pills for one-month cycles. We will have to study carefully the long-term effects before marketing a product without regular bleeding periods," Van Keep said.

Researchers are also trying another tack in contraception for women — by mimicking nature's protection of the ovum.

"We know that an ovum, after having been fertilised, reacts by creating a kind of shield which makes it impenetrable for sperm cells. We want to trigger that reaction before fertilization," Vemer said.

But it will take until the 21st century before such contraceptives become available, he said. (Reuters)

The Bellarosa Connection, by Sam Bellow

SAUL Bellow's second effort at writing paperback originals is a novel-length consideration of memory — of remembering and forgetting and the role each plays in survival.

It is an improbable tale, recounted by a nameless narrator, a Russian Jew from New Jersey who has made his mark in founding the Menomensee Institute, a training centre for executives, defence officials and other high-powered types to learn the techniques of remembering.

The narrator's tale, his remembering, however, has nothing to do with the institute. It is instead the story of Harry and Sorella Foustine. Harry was rescued from the Holocaust by what he at first thought was a secret organisation called the Bellarosa Society but which instead turned out to be a network run by the Broadway producer and playboy Billy Rose.

Foustine winds up in America, rich, and obsessed with the notion of meeting Rose to thank him for his salvation. But Rose will have nothing to do with him.

There is a lot of typical Bellow philosophising rendered in the wisecracking, street talk he does so well. But the end result is marred and

elusive — marred because the characters never quite come to life, man-queens of Bellow's point making elusive because Bellow's meaning remains clouded.

David E Anderson (UPI)

Nemeses, by Isaac Asimov

'NEMESIS' is Isaac Asimov in top form. The characters are prickly, pig-headed, noble and brilliant by turn — thoroughly human, except, of course for the alien, which is suitably strange.

As always, the future science in Asimov's fiction can be depended on to be as believable to the experts as it is to those of us who are a little fuzzy on the exact speed of light, something which figures prominently in 'Nemeses'.

In the year 2236, Earth is still struggling with pollution and over-population, watched with some disdain by the humans aboard orbiting space colonies. A scientist of one of those colonies, Rotor, discovers a star much closer than Alpha Centauri.

In charge of Rotor's government is Dr Janus Pitt, who wants to take the colony away from the solar system so it can develop a society free of what he calls the hatreds and misgivings of Earth's dismal history. The technology is available, and the star its discoverer names Nemeses provides a

place for Rotor to develop before anyone else learns that it's there for colonising.

Among the thing Pitt must keep secret to realize his dream is the fact that Nemeses is a wandering star and threatens to destroy Earth.

Asimov says in the forward that this book is not part of any of other series, at least not yet. He has given himself an ending that allows for sequels, and a cast that can make them entertaining.

Sharon Miller (UPI)

St Valentine's Night, by Andrew M. Greeley

THE Rev. Andrew Greeley has become so prolific at fiction that one sometimes wonders when he has time to be a priest. 'St Valentine's Night' is his 18th novel, and like many of its predecessors is set in the rough-and-tumble Irish wards of Chicago — the world of MSGR, Blackie Ryan and his clan of loveable classmates and relatives.

TV investigative reporter Neal Connor comes home to the windy city to cover the death of Mayor Harold Washington. While in town, he runs into his recently widowed childhood sweetheart, Megan Keefe, at a class reunion. Suspicion about the death of her husband lead Connor into a new investigation that adds drug runners

and mobsters to the scenario.

In the process, he also falls in love with Megan, much to the dismay — then approval — of her four children. Suffice it to say that he solves the crime, and wins the lady's heart.

St Valentine's Night has all the ingredients that Greeley mines so well — passion, romance, and intrigue — and may be his best work to date.

Ken Frankling (UPI)

To Asmara, by Thomas Keneally

THOMAS Keneally has written a remarkably timely book, former President Jimmy Carter having jumped in to mediate the dispute that is the heart of the novel — the civil war between the Ethiopian government and Eritrean rebels.

Keneally tells the story of an Australian reporter who travels with the rebels in an attempt to find Ethiopian barbarism. He is joined, at various times and for various reasons, by a French girl seeking her father, a volatile American aid worker, a dignified Englishwoman and a beautiful rebel spokeswoman.

I must admit I was afraid this would be the sort of sweet, sentimental, but less-than-insightful appeal show business stars so often make for political causes, a literary-African version of

rock stars singing about the Soviet Union. I was wrong.

The rebels, with whom Keneally travelled while researching the book, come off well, but it is not a sop to either side. Indeed, it is a rich, thoughtful, intelligent novel.

Ethan Karick (UPI)

Speeches and Writings 1832-1858, Speeches and Writings 1859-1865, by Abraham Lincoln

LINCOLN is mythic among American presidents. None, including Washington, has exercised as much influence as Lincoln in shaping the image of how we feel the presidency ought to be.

In part, of course, it was that Lincoln successfully presided over the most critical years of the young republic's life: The union-threatening secession and civil war and the morally debilitating cancer of slavery.

Even more, however, Lincoln — our most mysterious president, as Gore Vidal would have it — transcended his particular politics, his statesmanship, and even his presidency to become an almost religious figure, a kind of secular saint.

The cast of his intellect, the rhetoric of his speech and his moral sensitivity, which was grounded in a generalized

religious feeling rather than specific Christian doctrine or denomination, made him not only the epitome of presidents but one of the nation's great writers, as well.

The Library of America's comprehensive selection of Lincoln's speeches and writings affirms that judgement. Not only does its 796 separate items include the familiar Lincoln Canon — the 'House Divided' speech (1858), the Gettysburg Address (1863) and the Second Inaugural (1865) — but much else as well.

There is, for example, the full 320-page text of the seven Lincoln-Douglas debates; his few attempts at poetry — including, given the circumstances, an incredibly light-hearted piece of doggerel making fun of Lee's invasion of the north in 1863 — presidential proclamations and messages to Congress as well as to generals in the field.

Less known items are often as fascinating as the better known. There is his 1857 speech on the Dred Scott Decision, which makes arguments still being debated today on the role of the branches of government; an 1846 congressional campaign handbill replying to charges of religious infidelity and the text of his 1849 bill proposed in the House of Representatives to end

slavery in the District of Columbia.

A fascinating companion set for this Library of America edition is the University of Georgia Press's paperback reissue of the three-volume set, 'The Journalist's Lincoln', all edited by New York Times cultural correspondent Herbert Mitgang. The set includes 'Abraham Lincoln: A Press Portrait', a wide-ranging collection of contemporary newspaper reporting on Lincoln, focusing on the president's home state of Illinois and Washington, D.C., and including selections from the southern press and newspapers in England, France and Italy.

The other two books, also edited by Mitgang, are 'Washington DC in Lincoln's Time', a memoir by Noah Brooks, a Washington insider reporter for the Sacramento (Calif.) Union, who was also a friend and confidant of Lincoln. 'Spectator of America', an account of Lincoln and the civil war era by the English journalist Edward Dickey, is a T. Couvillier-like journey through the north in 1862 and is an invaluable 'outsider's' account of the time of turmoil.

For those who like their history raw, unrefined by the interpretive hand of later historians, these five volumes should be a rich treat.

David E Anderson (UPI)

# Nabokov's survivors are struggling with a problem: to burn or not to burn

VLADIMIR Nabokov's survivors are struggling with a problem they are at a loss to resolve — whether to publish his unfinished last novel, or throw it in the fire as he demanded.

To burn or not to burn the final work of one of the century's greatest writers is the question vexing Nabokov's son Dmitri and his widow Vera a dozen years after his death.

"We don't know what to do," says Dmitri.

At issue is the future of a fragment — about a third of what was to have been a

short work called "The Original of Laura."

Dmitri calls the work one of the best pieces his father wrote, but adds:

"Father was a perfectionist. Nothing that was not complete was to be published. He was completely lucid at the end. His instructions were clear. He wanted it burned."

"But if we burn it, it is lost forever. If we don't burn it, we will be disobeying his wishes. I cannot even tell you what it is about because that would be disobeying his wishes. I can only say it is about a

real Laura and a non-real Laura."

Dmitri Nabokov's comments came at the end of an interview about his father, whose selected letters have just been published in the United States.

The letters reveal the perfectionist his son recalls with love, respect and admiration, a man who thought it a sin to misplace a comma, mistranslate a word or mistreat an artist.

Several of the letters recall the difficulty he had with Maurice Girodias, the original publisher of his most famous book, "Invitation to a Beheading."

reminds Girodias just who is Nabokov and who is not.

"No publisher has a right to share motion picture profits with the author...my consent to give you part of the proceeds from some of the foreign rights was a concession on my part, not a recognition of a 'natural right'."

"I wrote Lolita."

Dmitri Nabokov said he took three years to sort out the letters with co-editor Matthew Bruccoli in what was a labour of love.

"I wanted to show how warm and

gentle a man he was and to explode the myth that he was cold and aloof. He preferred to give his energy to his writing. He told me once on a Swiss mountaintop that he wanted to write the unexpurgated film in his mind."

The son of a prominent pre-Soviet Russian liberal who was assassinated by a rightist, Nabokov's life was spent mostly in exile.

He came to the United States in 1940, taught literature at Cornell University and with the publication of "Invitation to a Beheading" found a world-wide audience for a writ-

ing style that delighted in puns and puzzles and sometimes obscure obsessions.

"Lolita," with its daring plot of a middle-aged man's love for a young girl, brought the wrath of censors down on him and as his son recalls:

"My father wrote Graham Greene: 'My poor Lolita is having a rough time. The pity is that if I had made her a boy, or a cow, or a bicycle, Philistines might never have flinched.'"

Using the word 'bicycle' was deliberate, Dmitri said. "When the

bicycle was first invented it was thought to encourage lubricious excitements."

Dmitri Nabokov said a new film of "Lolita" is in the planning stages for the 1990s although the previous Stanley Kubrick version is considered a cinema classic.

After being banned for years, his father's works are also now being published in the Soviet Union.

He said Soviet publishers seemed eager to publish "Lolita" and if the book is put out there it will be in his father's translation. (Reuters)

## Switzerland making electronic wizardry

IT'S got more features than you might expect from a telephone manufactured in a country better known for chocolate, cuckoo clocks and skiing, but Switzerland is making its own kind of electronic wizardry.

The Swisstel telephone does everything but make coffee. "It has all the bells and whistles," said Phyllis Cohen, spokeswoman for Swisstel.

For example, Swisstel models 100 and 200 will remember telephone numbers by name, and dial them at the sound of the telephone user's voice.

Other phones remember telephone numbers after you punch them in. You hit a button to speed-dial. With the Swisstel models, the user enters the number and speaks the party's name.

When you want to dial, simply pick up the handset and say the name of the party you want to reach. Instantly, the name and the number of the person to be dialed is displayed on a liquid crystal display screen.

You confirm and hit a button. Of course, you may still get a busy signal. Even the most sophisticated Swisstel phone will not get you past that. But it will redial for you. Just hit another button.

"It's so simple a child can use it," said Cohen, but admitted a child may not be able to programme one. "It really is user-friendly and the instruction manual is very complete and simple."

Both models, the most sophisticated of the Swisstel line that includes four phones, have the capability of remembering as many as 150 names and numbers alphabetically — 50 by voice command and another hundred by more conventional speed-dialing.

Each number can have as many as 24 digits, allowing the user the opportunity of adding international country codes — and perhaps the potential of

casually misdialling a number in France, Egypt or Burkina Faso.

The 100 and 200 models also allow the user to log the last 100 calls in memory, by date, time and duration, making it useful for businesses: Auditing long-distance calls, scanning for frequently dialed numbers you might want to add to memory — or might want to question an employee about.

There is a feature that can prevent searches or deletions to the directory, although another option can provide a lock-in call logging.

Owners and users alike can make everybody mad by invoking the dial lock feature, preventing all outgoing calls except those going to emergency numbers.

The voice-activated model 200 also has a touch-tone answering device which allows callers to leave their telephone number. But they have to have a touch-tone or equivalent on their phone. Pulse dialing won't do it.

You can also use pulse dial on the Swisstel, and wait an annoyingly long time for the clicks to register and the call to go through.

The model 200 will answer as many as 50 calls and display the number of messages received, the time, number and name of the caller if the information is listed in the personal assistance directory.

You also can eliminate the calls forward service offered by local phone companies if you want to. The model 200 will automatically forward calls to a preset display pager number if you tell it to.

The LCD will display a message saying the telephone is ringing, on hold, busy or disconnected on either phone.

All the features are stored in memory that has a battery backup in case commercial power fails and both models are hearing aid compatible.

## Changing with times, an age-old tradition



IN a modern New Delhi suburb, students sit in an open-air pavilion around a blazing ceremonial fire and chant age-old rituals. Heads shaved, dressed in tunics and sarongs, the boys attend a guru kul, a traditional Indian school rooted in thousands of years of Hindu custom and history.

They live as ascetics, sleeping in stark dormitories on straw mats and rising at 4 am for religious instruction, yoga and meditation. Classes and conversation are in Sanskrit, India's classical language. Many arrive as eight-year-old boys and don't leave until they are young men.

Yet like so much of traditional India, this venerable form of education is bending to the modern. History studies were introduced this year, and students are pressing for more advanced courses in math and science. In recent years, students have begun watching television. And some are now studying English.

"In other schools they teach in modern ways, while here we teach in ancient ways," says Omprakash Arya, a soft-spoken 19-year-old, who has been at the school almost a decade. "But we can't progress with just the ancient. The modern is also essential for us to live."

In India, where rapid change is creating new demands, strains, and problems, education is struggling to keep pace. On one hand, the urban middle class is in a mad scramble for Western education and status. Elite schools have long waiting lists, and many parents sign up their children at birth. Jobs, marriages and the coveted chance to go abroad are determined oftentimes by where one studies. Huge donations are made and bribes paid to win a child enrollment.

On the other hand, the illiterate millions abandoning the countryside to seek city jobs face the more basic need of learning to read and write.

Three years ago, West-leaning Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi launched a massive effort to improve and expand primary education in villages, cut the high dropout rate, and boost literacy through informal rural schools.

The government is in a race against spreading illiteracy. Today, more than 60 per cent of India's 800 million people can't read or write. By the turn of the century, the World Bank predicts, India will surpass China as the world's most illiterate nation.

"The main issues for India are literacy and skills for the masses," says Krishna Kumar, who heads the education department at Delhi University. "Those are going to be the dominant concerns for some time to come."

Caught in the crosscurrents, guru kuls are also being penetrated by change. For years, they existed in a time warp, revered in this secular but largely Hindu country as an untouched remnant of an ancient culture. The guru kul concept dates back almost 3,000 years to the Vedas, the chronicles of early Indian society. At a time when knowledge was passed on by oral tradition, a young boy or girl was sent as a shishya or disciple to the rural school of a guru, propagating the guru kul, or line of the guru.

The guru kul system began to weaken when the British introduced Western education in the 19th century to train Indians to run the colonial administration. During the struggle to win independence from Britain, the guru kul became hotbeds of Indian nationalism.

There are no official figures on the number of guru kuls that are

subsidized and run mainly by influential Hindu social and cultural organisations. But observers say they remain popular in the countryside because tuition often is free and their graduates often command clout as pundits and Sanskrit scholars in traditional rural society.

In recent years, they also have enjoyed renewed interest because of resurging Hindu fundamentalism. Underneath the Western patina, observers say, many middle-class Indians value longstanding tradition in the face of change and turmoil sweeping the country.

"Revivalism is finding support in modern, Westernised India," says Kumar, the New Delhi educator. "The guru kul has an emotional appeal to most Indians. For many, it harkens back to an ancient past."

Given the strains on the school system, the government is trying to nudge the extensive private guru kul network into the modernising mainstream and offer Western subjects. A prototype is Shantiniketan, a school modelled on the guru kul and set up by Nobel prize-winning

poet Rabindranath Tagore earlier this century to blend Hindu and Western culture.

At the same time, India's Constitution requires the government to promote Sanskrit, the basis of India's 14 major languages. The government currently supports 700 guru kuls and other Sanskrit institutions. It is planning a computerised Sanskrit curriculum and is making videotapes of guru kul studies in Sanskrit to be shown in Western-style schools.

But the old and new don't always mesh. Recently, the government downgraded the importance of Sanskrit in secondary-school exams to promote the learning of more modern Indian languages. Sanskrit teachers, parents and students have filed lawsuits to force the reinstatement of the language.

"Sanskrit has been a binding force for millennia in India," says S.D. Dixit, who heads the

government's programme in Sanskrit and classical studies. "But now we're telling these schools they have to change their programmes to keep pace with the modern world. Their students have to be on par with the average man."

The New Delhi guru kul, founded 55 years ago, was shut down a decade ago for lack of students and an internal management dispute. Now there are 160 students and more than 80 on the waiting list, says the principal, Hari Dev.

Most of the students will go on to teach Sanskrit, although a growing number are turning to more secular pursuits. Om-Prakash Arya says he hoped to become an engineer or a government civil servant and likely will have to take special studies to improve his English after he leaves the guru kul.

Still, he insists that guru kuls and their strict regimes will continue to have a place in modern India. "Education never, never grows old," he says. "It always finds a new path." (New Delhi — CSM)

## Thrills and chills on Delhi's roads

FOR thrills and chills galore, there's nothing like a ride in New Delhi traffic.

Overloaded buses, people clinging to the sides, careen through intersections, barely halting to cough out passengers and suck in more.

Two-seat scooter rickshaws and motorcycles roar at high speed, just missing pedestrians, bicycles, horse and camel wagons, and vendors pushing carts. Motor scooters chug along with dad and one kid up front and mom and two more perched behind.

Herds of meandering cows, chanting religious processions, or noisy political protests cause maddening traffic snarls. Sometimes, a lumbering, heavily loaded elephant is the only conveyance to stop for a red light.

And always, the ever-present horn blare, prompting one pundit to designate it India's 15th national language.

Delhi's urban chaos is every police chief's nightmare. "It's a rat race and a no-win situation," sighs Police Commissioner Rajivji Karan. "Delhi's traffic is terrible because people just don't know what road discipline is."

About 40,000 Indians die in road accidents every year, the worst casualty rate in the world. Many of those are in Delhi.

Lacking a commuter rail network, this sprawling Indian capital of 7 million people is clogged with 1.4 million vehicles, more than Bombay, Calcutta, and Madras put together. About 200,000 are added yearly.

There are many culprits in Delhi's traffic madness. One is vehicles' breakneck speed, averaging about 17 miles per hour, police officials say, compared with 13 in London, 10.5 in Paris, and 10 in New York.

Many bus drivers are poorly trained; they bribed their way into jobs. Newspapers frequently carry reports of "absconding" bus drivers fleeing the accident scene. One recent day in Delhi, one person was killed and 100 hurt in four major accidents, three of them caused by city buses.

The presence of the new zippy Maruti, an Indian version of the Suzuki compact, adds to the havoc. For years, Indians plodded along in the stolid Ambassador, a replica of the 1953 British Morris Oxford. Indian streets looked like a 1950s movie set.

Now, liberated by the small car's pickup, affluent Maruti owners fly around the city and show a cockiness that poses a growing traffic menace.

Cows, many of them emaciated and all of them sacred, are also a major headache. "Many people from the countryside bring cattle to the city and let them squad anywhere," complains Karan, the police chief. "The city authorities are responsible, and we tell them to take the cows. But they don't do it. What can the police do? Where can we take them?"

In July, new national motor vehicle legislation went into force, tightening up driving licence requirements, setting heavy fines for traffic violations, and establishing stiff pollution standards.

Drivers across India, where flouting laws and rules is a national pastime, shrieked in protest. Car owners complained the stiff fines would spur more corruption among traffic police who often are quick to pocket a fine or a bribe. In Delhi, scooter rickshaw and taxi drivers went on strike for a day, paralysing traffic in the city. (New Delhi — CSM)

## Versatile formwork — key to Doka success

THESE days, questions of cost-effectiveness are more important in the building industry than ever before. The price/cost situation is such that all available measures must be exploited to the full extent. In the concrete construction sector, formwork plays a key role in this connection — not only from the point of view of investment costs, but also, more importantly, in the effect that it has on total construction costs.

If the formwork aspect of the construction process is to be organised as economically as possible, a versatile and adaptable type of formwork needs to be used, which is quick to erect and to shift around. Therefore, naturally enough, great importance must be attached to the quality and hence the durability of the formwork system.

In order to keep the costs for site installations as low as possible, a system which can be erected and shifted manually will also be required in many cases.

Doka formwork systems meet every single one of these requirements. Indeed, it is when site conditions are at their most difficult that the versatility of the Doka formwork systems really comes into its own, bringing about a significant simplification and rationalisation of the construction process.

Doka offers a complete range of formwork systems, which means that a cost-effective solution can be provided to any type of construction problem. The Doka range comprises of wall and climbing formwork, automatic climbing formwork, dam formwork, floor formwork and tableform systems. In addition Doka supplies a complete range of formwork ties and panels.

Doka is active all over the globe, having built up a worldwide sales network and services organisation. In 1988 Doka had a consolidated turnover of DM225 million. Doka has branches in Kuwait, Riyadh and Jeddah.

Two of the most significant Middle East projects currently being built with Doka formwork are the JIP Administration Tower in Jeddah (Jeddah Islamic Port Complex) and the Riyadh-Ma'athir Bridge. In Kuwait a number of large scale housing projects are being realised using Doka formwork. On the latest housing project at Al Qurain, Doka supplies material for 15 contractors to their full satisfaction.

Doka is currently planning and supervising, in co-ordination with the joint venture ICG/SOGEA, the formwork for the public head of the telecommunication tower in Kuwait City.

## A dead language

"SANSKRIT is the language which represents the mainstream of Indian civilisation — the language which has preserved over the centuries Indian literature, religion, poetry, all aspects of Indian civilisation," says Masatoshi Nagatomi, professor of Buddhist studies at Harvard University.

Classed as an Indo-European language, Sanskrit is divided into two main types: Vedic, which dates to before 2000 BC and was not written, and Classical, which evolved later.

Today, says Dr Nagatomi, Sanskrit is to modern Indian tongues as Latin is to English — "in one sense, a dead language." "But in another sense it is not," he continues. "If you go to Rome, there are many Catholic priests who do speak Latin. Likewise if you go to India, there are pundits who do teach and speak Sanskrit."

But because it is not useful in "practical experience," says Nagatomi, Sanskrit isn't taught in public schools, where the emphasis is on preparing students for working in the modern world. There are exceptions: "If your father happens to be a pundit, then you will be taught Sanskrit from your childhood."

For foreigners who "want to deal with just contemporary India" in political science or business, Nagatomi suggests one of the modern languages — Hindi, Bengali and Tamil. (CSM)

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## Danielle stirs up diplomatic rumpus

FRANCE'S quietly determined first lady, Danielle Mitterrand, plans to address a US Senate Committee this week on Kurdish rights underwritten by a diplomatic rumpus her favourite theme has already stirred up.

The plight of the 30 million Kurds, spread over a variety of countries from Iraq to the Soviet Union, is a subject close to the heart of the 64-year-old first lady.

At a conference that she organised in Paris last week, Iraq's treatment of its Kurdish minority came under attack.

Baghdad, one of France's leading arms buyers and creditors, took exception to the criticism.

Showing typical calm and determination never to back down from her convictions, she replied: "Perhaps there will be diplomatic repercussions but we will tackle them."

She is due to speak on the subject before the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday and French officials expect her testimony to ruffle a few more diplomatic feathers.

Since Francois Mitterrand took office in 1981, she has never allowed her ideological commitments to take a back seat to her role as the president's wife.

Asked once in an interview with Reuters whether the two clashed, she said: "You're either a concerned citizen or you're

not. It's as simple as that. "You know, Francois and I have been waging the same struggle for so long that he has confidence in me."

That confidence was built up in German-occupied France during World War Two.

Danielle, the daughter of a schoolmaster sacked for refusing to hand the Nazis a list of Jewish students, met her husband-to-be while in hiding to nurse wounded French resistance fighters. He was the leader of a resistance group.

French analysts believe she played an important role in Mitterrand's move to the left early in his political career.

Soon after he was elected president, she incurred the anger of the United States for supporting left-wing groups in Latin America.

She refused to accompany her husband on a visit to Morocco, one of France's closest allies, on the grounds that people were in prison there for political reasons.

In 1987, her newly-created human rights foundation France-Libertes, caused an uproar in South Africa by sponsoring a seminar bringing together white liberals and members of the outlawed African National Congress black nationalist movement.

The foundation plans a similar Congress in Paris this year. (Paris — Reuters)



Howard's Way actress Lana Morris

## Lana hides a secret heartache

HOWARD'S WAY actress Lana Morris hides a secret heartache. Her adored 14-month-old grandson was ill when he was born and for the first month of his life was in desperate need of an operation.

Lana, who can now be seen as the power-dressed Vanessa in the hit TV series, says James' first month of life was the worst time she ever lived through and she virtually willed him to survive.

The 60-year-old actress told me: "He was very ill when he was first born and I think that was the worst period of my life."

"He had his operation when he was a month old. Those four weeks between his birth and the surgery were sheer torture. But now he's as right as rain, absolutely gorgeous."

She went on: "You can think of all the cliches you've ever heard about grandmothers, and that's me. I'm ridiculous about him. My son, Simon, and his wife Melissa are amazed, because I don't actually like babies very much. I haven't really had a lot to do with them, except of course with Simon."

"He thought I'd take a look at James and say, 'Yes, that's very nice, you can take it away now.' Instead, though, I'm besotted with him."

Simon, aged 30, is a journalist for the BBC. And James is now a bouncing 14-month-old, but Lana preferred him when he was a helpless bundle. She said: "When he was a tiny baby, the poor little thing was completely defenceless. I could cuddle him all the time. But now, if he doesn't want to be cuddled, he won't let me."

Lana, who was best known in the fifties for

starring with Norman Wisdom in the comedy films Man of the Moment and Trouble in Store, has now returned, after more than 10 years in the theatre, to her favourite medium, television.

She plays Vanessa Audenberg, a successful businesswoman who has just been introduced to the series.

Lana told me: "Vanessa had popped into the show a couple of seasons ago. The producers thought the character worked well, and I was asked back."

"I like the character, too. At my age it's quite difficult to find a part that's not somebody's boring aunt. Vanessa is a personality in her own right."

"She's interesting. I think she's very nice, without being boring. And I love the way she dresses. Her wardrobe is chosen at the beginning of each series. The designer for the show took me to Harrods, and we spent a whole day there, trying on clothes. It was a dream come true."

But Lana had a few more reservations about joining the long-established cast of Howard's Way. She told me: "It's tough for a newcomer. I was very nervous, wondering if I was going to get on with all the others."

"But this is the absolute truth I think the women on the Howard's Way set are the nicest group of women I have ever worked with. They are smashing. It didn't take long for me to settle down."

Lana spent the sixties starring in BBC thrillers, as she put it: "Rompings about with a gun in my garter." And after a decade of excellent reviews for her theatre work, she is over the moon to be back on the small screen.

She said: "I love telly. It's my favourite. I like the idea of producing an end product. It's wonderful to close the doors and know everybody there is involved. It's always very exciting."

"I like the theatre, but it's so ephemeral. You've done it, and it's gone. And it's jolly difficult in the theatre giving a first-rate performance every night, for nights on end. To be honest, I don't miss the theatre at all."

"In the theatre, I seem to go from extreme terror to extreme boredom, quite quickly."

Although she enjoys her new TV role, she says she could never be a high-powered businesswoman like Vanessa. "If you asked me to add two and two, I would faint," she said.

"But she's a warm, pleasant person, which I hope is like me. I do like her enormously."

"In fact, when you are acting, you have got to like your character. Even if you are playing an absolute horror, you've got to find something in them to like."

"I haven't actually played any real horrors. In The Forsyte Saga, I played Helene, the governess. She was the most frightful bore. The rest of the cast used to go off to the bar when we were doing her scenes. They couldn't stand her, either!"

Lana explained why she prefers studio work. She said: "I was trained to the cameras because I was under contract to Rank when I was 17. The only proper training I had was in front of the camera."

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## SPORTS

## McCrory rallies to retain title

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Oct. 22. (AP) Glenn McCrory fought his way out of deep trouble and knocked out South Africa's Sizwe Makhathini in the 11th round last night to retain his International Boxing Federation cruiserweight title.

McCrory, who took heavy punishment for almost half the scheduled 12 rounds, turned the fight round in the sixth with a flurry of unanswered punches that had the crowd on its feet.

From that moment, he wore down the challenger with left jabs, and when he put Makhathini down in the last-but-one round, the South African didn't have the strength to get up.

In a furious contest staged in a makeshift circus tent near McCrory's home in northeastern England, the champion was backed by a fanatical crowd of almost 4,000 as he made the first defense of the title he won last June.

Makhathini, renowned as a hard puncher and a strong starter with five first-round stoppages behind him, took the fight to the British champion in the first round and shook McCrory with body shots.

McCrory seemed to recover in the second as he got behind the left jab, his favorite weapon. But he was shaken by another cluster of punches in the third as the challenger used his superior hand-speed to score freely.

In a fluctuating contest, both fighters poured in head and body shots, but Makhathini's punches looked more dangerous and had the champion wincing with pain.

When Makhathini appeared to throw a late blow after the bell that ended round five, McCrory's American trainer, Beau Wilford, complained. But no action was taken.

At that point, the challenger was on top and McCrory's title seemed in serious jeopardy.

Then, in round six, the champion suddenly transformed the fight, landing a barrage of more than 30 punches into Makhathini's head and body as the challenger was caught on the ropes.

It took the heart out of the Natal-born Zulu, and for the next three rounds, McCrory picked him off at will with his trademark jab.

## World No. 10 takes Tokyo crown

## Krickstein routs Steeb

TOKYO, Oct. 22. (AP) Aaron Krickstein of the United States, posting his third victory of the season, won the \$627,500 Seiko Super tennis tournament today, defeating Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany.

Fourth-seeded Krickstein, ranked 10th in the world, trounced fifth-seeded Steeb, No. 18 in the world, 6-2, 6-2 in the men's singles final on the artificial court of Yoyogi National stadium.

Krickstein received \$100,000 and Steeb \$50,000.

"I feel great. This was my biggest title ever," Krickstein told reporters after his victory.

Krickstein became the first American to win the singles title of this tournament since Jimmy Connors defeated Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in the final in 1984.

"Many great players have won this tournament. I am happy to be in that category," the 22-year-old American said. "I got off to a fast start. I was able to hit deep backhands, and moved well."

Steeb said: "I couldn't play my best tennis. The reason was he did everything better than I was doing."

Krickstein broke service in the second and fourth games of the first set, with Steeb often hitting wide or into the net.

Steeb broke back in the fifth

game as Krickstein's playing became inconsistent.

In the eighth game, Steeb, a baseline player, stayed close to the net but after tying at 30-30, was long with two forehands and lost the set.

In the second set, Krickstein broke Steeb's service in the second game and in the third, after tying at deuce, blasted two consecutive aces to surge ahead 3-0.

Steeb started the sixth game

with an ace and kept it to make it 2-4 without losing a point, but Krickstein held service to extend his lead to 5-2, also without losing a point. Krickstein then broke service for the match.

Krickstein slammed down four aces in all, and Steeb one. Steeb committed 39 unforced errors against Krickstein's 23. Krickstein hit 44 per cent of his first services against Steeb's 64 per cent.

En route to the finals, Krickstein beat Slobodan Zivojnovic of Yugoslavia in the first round, Australian qualifier Broderick Dyke in the second round, Grant Connell of Canada in the semifinals.

Steeb never lost a set in earning his finals berth, beating Americans Patrick McEnroe, Leif Shiras and Rick Leach, and Darren Cahill of Australia.

On his improvement this year and his return to the top 10, Krickstein said: "A large part of the reason has been due to getting rid of nagging injuries. Now I can improve as well as play."

Krickstein suffered a stress fracture to his right foot in 1984, problems with his wrist and left foot in 1985, and a stress fracture to his left shin and broken ribs in a taxi accident in 1987.

Krickstein won one title in 1983 and three in 1984, but none from 1985-88.



Krickstein shows off his trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Simpson wins Disney Classic

## Hammond bogeys 18th hole

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla., Oct. 22. (Reuter) Tim Simpson sank a par-saving putt on the final hole to win the \$800,000 Walt Disney World Golf Classic by one stroke yesterday.

Simpson won with a two-under-par 70 when Donnie Hammond bogeyed the 18th hole.

Playing in pleasant weather on the Magnolia course — one of three used in the tournament — Simpson came in with a winning total of 16-under-par 272, while Hammond shot a final round one-under 71 for a 273.

Hammond and Simpson, tied for the lead after the third round, were level until the 455-yard final hole.

Hammond pushed his tee shot into the rough and his four-iron shot from there came up short and landed in a bunker.

Hammond's next shot came out a little heavy and just barely reached the green and he was forced to two-putt from 30 feet out for a bogey.

Paul Azinger, who started the day four strokes back of the leaders, made an early move with a six-under-par 30 for his first nine holes. He was unable to keep up that pace, however, and played the incoming nine in two-over-par 38 for a 68.

Azinger finished tied for third with Kenny Knox and Fred Couples at 14-under 274. Knox also shot a final round four-under 68, while Couples carded a 70.

Simpson earned \$144,000 to boost his 1989 earnings to a career high \$681,596. Hammond collected \$86,400 for second place.

## Kim's punches stop Arief

SEOUL, Oct. 22. (Reuter) South Korean Kim Bong-jun unleashed a punishing barrage of punches to stop Indonesian John Arief in the ninth round and retain his World Boxing Association minimum weight title in Pohang today.

The scheduled 12-round bout at the southeast city was over two minutes 15 seconds into the ninth when Kim sent Arief sprawling on the canvas with a thunderous right hand punch.

The Japanese referee then stopped the fight.

The fleet-footed Arief, at 23 one year younger than the champion, fought gamely in the earlier rounds although he was knocked down in the third round.



## Tennis racket eater

American Jimmy Connors eats his tennis racket as he jokes on Saturday after missing a shot to Gilad Bloom. Connors dropped the first set in the final of the Riklis Classic tournament but won 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. It was Connors' 109th singles title. (Reuter wirephoto).

## Irish outlast Trojans

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (AP) Notre Dame and Southern California started fighting in the runoff and hardly let up once the game began. What put the top-ranked Irish on top in the end were the legs and arm of Tony Rice.

The Notre Dame quarterback ran for two touchdowns and engineered two more rushing scores against a Southern Cal defense that had allowed only 37 rushing yards per game as the Irish beat the ninth-ranked Trojans 28-24 yesterday.

"It's the best in the west against the best in the East," said Rice, who scored the winning touchdown on a 15-yard run with 5:18 to play. "And we like to be the best — period."

Meanwhile, 16th-ranked Houston became the first team in major college history to gain 1,000 yards in a game and Andre Ware threw six touchdown passes to set three US college records as the Cougars beat Southern Methodist 95-21.

Houston, entering the game with the nation's top-ranked offense, gained 1,021 yards, shattering the previous National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division I-A record of 883 by Nebraska against New Mexico State in 1982.

"I don't know who was responsible for it but I don't appreciate it," SMU coach Forrest Gregg said of the lopsided score. "I know this, I'd never run up the score like that on a group of freshmen and sophomores."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 3 Colorado 49, Kansas 17; No. 4 Nebraska 48, Oklahoma State 23; No. 5 Michigan 26, Iowa 12; Texas 24, No. 7 Arkansas 20; No. 10 Alabama 47, No. 6 Tennessee 30; No. 14 Florida State 22, No. 11 Auburn 14; Clemson 30, No. 12 North Carolina State 10, and No. 13 Illinois 14, Michigan State 10.

Also: No. 22 Arizona 23, No. 15 Washington State 21; No. 18 West Virginia 69, Cincinnati 3; Texas Christian 27, No. 19 Air Force 9; No. 20 Florida 27, New Mexico 21; No. 21 Brigham Young 49, Texas El Paso 24; No. 23 Texas A-and-M 14, Baylor 11; No. 24 South Carolina 24, Western Carolina 3, and No. 25 Oklahoma 43, Iowa State 40.

No. 3 Colorado 49, Kansas 17. J.J. Flannigan, subbing for the injured Eric Bienemy, rushed for 178 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns for Colorado.

No. 4 Nebraska 48, Oklahoma State 23. Jerry Gdowski ran for a career-high 125 yards and threw for 170 more as Nebraska beat Oklahoma State for the 16th straight time.

No. 5 Michigan 26, Iowa 12. Michael Taylor, playing for the first time since the season opener, passed for two touchdowns and ran for another for Michigan (5-1). Taylor hurt his back in a 34-19 loss to Notre Dame on Sept. 16, and sat out four games. He completed 11 of 15 passes for 179 yards.

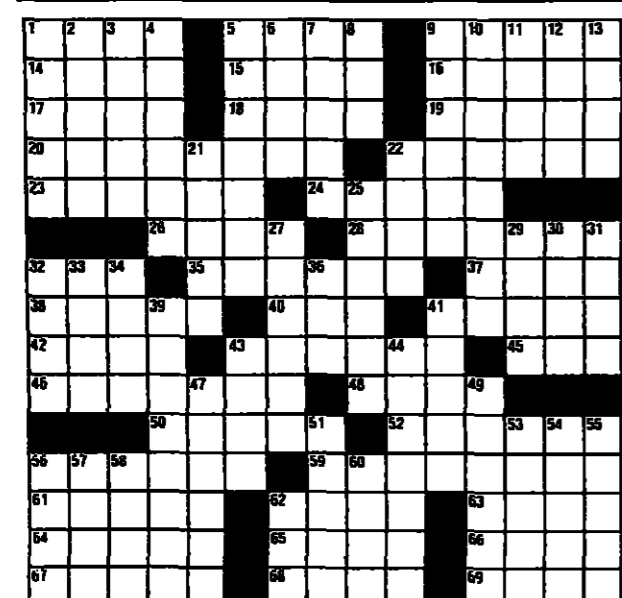
No. 10 Alabama 47, No. 6 Tennessee 30.

Gary Hollingsworth passed for 379 yards and three touchdowns, leading Alabama (6-0) to its eighth straight victory. Tennessee (5-1) had won 10 in a row.

No. 14 Florida State 22, No. 11 Auburn 14.

Edgar Bennett scored two touchdowns and reserve kicker Bill Mason added three field goals as Florida State held off Auburn.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Mid expletive
  - 5 Film studios
  - 9 Canting
  - 14 Ancient strong box
  - 15 Word with iron or tin
  - 16 Stellar
  - 17 Mauna Loa's site
  - 18 — rain
  - 19 Beefeater's choice
  - 20 "Okay!"
  - 22 Archaeologist's fragments
  - 23 Infrequently
  - 24 Opera singer
  - 26 "Dedicated to the — Love"
  - 28 Hubbubs
  - 32 Romaine
  - 35 "Yes, sirree!"
  - 37 Unique
  - 38 — committee
  - 40 Puck
  - 41 Cut off
  - 42 Mansard, for one
  - 43 "By all means!"
  - 45 "Righto!"
  - 46 Like some cement
  - 48 Quick, to a helmsman
  - 50 More than pudgy
  - 52 Interweave
  - 56 Ocelot's cousin
  - 59 "Good enough!"
  - 61 Muslim leaders
  - 62 Baseball's Berra
  - 63 Lodge letters
  - 64 Crowded together
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  - 10 "Certainty!"
  - 11 Novello of British musicals
  - 12 Set down
  - 13 River in N England
  - 21 Style for a stoa
  - 22 Shirt fastener
  - 25 — step
  - 27 — Delight!
  - Sherwood play
  - 29 Basalt
  - 30 Deuce follower
  - 31 Withered
  - 32 Food fish
  - 33 Potpourri's output
  - 34 Brake part
  - 36 Bird
  - 37 Iron down
  - 38 "It'll say!"
  - 41 Digress
  - 43 Flanders river
  - 44 Lobe dangler
  - 45 Downgraded
  - 49 British prince
  - 51 Historic
  - 53 "Robinson Crusoe" creator
  - 54 Alpaca's relative
  - 55 Playwright
  - 56 "Return of the —"
  - 57 So be it!
  - 58 Guy
  - 60 Actor Richard
  - 62 "Uh-huh!"
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 ♥ 954 ♦ AJ10652 ♣ 876

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Dbl ?

What action do you take?

A.—With 10 HCP or more, you would start off by redoubling. Therefore, you can bid two diamonds now without worrying that partner might play you for a good hand. Your hand rates to take at least four tricks with diamonds as trumps, and partner's high cards will work for you.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A1093 ♥ J2 ♦ K65 ♣ AK73

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?

A.—Partner has taken two bids, so he might have a reasonable hand. But even though you were within an eyelash of opening one no trump, you may not be safe at the two-level if partner turns up with a dead minimum. Pass.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 4 ♥ KJ102 ♦ AQ10 ♣ AQ1093

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♥

Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Remember, you have forced partner to bid, so you might find little of value facing you. Nevertheless, your hand is considerably better than a minimum takeout double.

Invite game by raising to three hearts.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AKQ ♦ AQ10962 ♠ 6 ♣ K94

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has promised some 6-9 points, and while you can't be sure that those will be the right values, you need so little for game we would opt for four hearts. That would be only invitational, and it's the location of partner's high cards that's the key, not the strength of the hand!

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 5 ♥ 8763 ♦ AKJ92 ♣ J53

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—Don't count your spade singleton at 2 points and respond two diamonds. Until such time as you find a fit, your singleton in partner's suit is a liability, not an asset. Bid one no trump.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 76 ♥ J103 ♦ 752 ♣ KQ107

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass

2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's raise invites you to bid game if you are maximum for your initial response, i.e., 8-10 points. You have a borderline 8 points, but they are fortified by a couple of tens, so accept with alacrity by bidding three no trump.

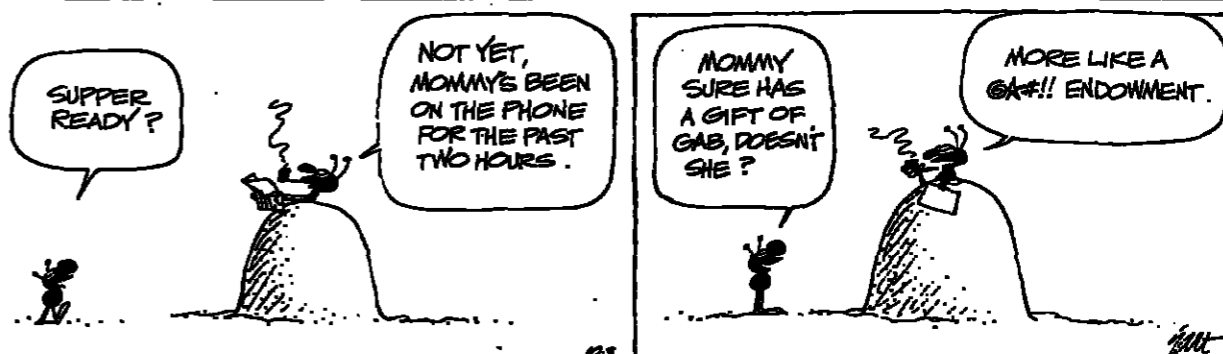
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to find the right solution to a recurring problem. You will also see things more clearly. You should show a little more sympathy towards others. Be less fussy.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Something that has been puzzling you about how best to use a gadget, say a computer, will all of a sudden become much clearer. You have no time to waste and no energy to dissipate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be better able to communicate, and should do your best to counter the feeling. Do not expect others to do what you would wish them to do. Take care when on the road. Be tactful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You have a lot to do, but do not allow yourself to be daunted by the task — just get on with it. Your lucky numbers are 19 and 32. You should try to keep things simple. Have more faith in yourself. Be sincere.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not trust to appearances, look beneath the surface too. A good opportunity could well be missed. You should not be too proud to take good advice. Be reasonable.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will feel slightly more irritable and should do your best to counter the feeling. Do not expect others to do what you would wish them to do. Take care when on the road. Be tactful.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

Do not be so fond of the sound of your own voice. Listen to what others are saying too. You should not allow yourself to be so easily offended. Try to think well of others, and do not be so quick to blame them. Be magnanimous.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

Do not allow yourself to be taken in by false promises. The Moon's influence will have an unhappy effect on your state of mind but you will be able to deal with it. Do not be afraid to make a few changes. Be frank.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have something to be really pleased about. However this is no time to rest on your laurels. You will be more persuasive but must not expect to have your own way in all things. Be grateful.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have more success than you could have anticipated in some things. In other things you will appear to make no progress at all. Leave yourself with a little more room for manoeuvre. Be grateful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have the right idea but do not make sure you do not take too much for granted. Do not repress your emotion but do not give too vehement vent to them either.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will come into contact with a most interesting person. Do not try to dominate the conversation. Make sure you do not permit yourself to be distracted. Be polite.

### Bordeaux overwhelm Marseille

PARIS, Oct 22. (Reuters): French soccer League leaders Bordeaux crushed last year's double winners Marseille 3-0 yesterday with two goals from Jean-Marc Ferreri and a third revenge effort from West German Klaus Allofs. Allofs, released by Marseille against his wishes in the summer, put the finishing touch to a disastrous night for his former team when he profited from a clearance by left-back Eric di Meo to seal victory 10 minutes from time.

Ferreri scored from the penalty spot after just seven minutes to get the home side off to great start before more than 40,000 fans but missed a second spot kick after half an hour.

The international midfielder atoned with a spectacular volleyed goal in the 58th minute at a time when Marseille were piling on the pressure and threatening to equalise.

Marseille were able to field all their four foreign stars, despite League rules limiting their number to three, because West German stopper Karlheinz Foerster received his French citizenship papers 24 hours before the game.

But his team-mates may have wished he had not when he conceded the first penalty, grabbing Bordeaux striker Piet den Boer by the arm as the Dutchman rose to head a Jean-Philippe Durand free kick.

Marseille keeper Gaetan Huard was responsible for the second when he pulled down Allofs who had burst through the defence.

Bordeaux moved on to 23 points, four ahead of Marseille who dropped to third behind Sochaux, who have 20. The side from eastern France beat Racing Paris 2-0 with goals from Eric Lada and Fabrice Henry.

Toulouse could manage no better than a goalless draw away to bottom club Brest and fell to fourth place.

Results

Bordeaux	3	Marseille	0
Brest	0	Toulouse	0
Sochaux	2	Racing Paris	0
PSG	0	Lyon	1
Toulon	0	Nantes	0
Monaco	0	Metz	0
Lille	1	Montpellier	0
St Etienne	4	Metz	3
Caen	2	Auxerre	1
Caen	1	Nice	1

### PSV beaten

AMSTERDAM, Oct 22. (Reuters): League leaders PSV Eindhoven, who suffered a European Cup reverse on Wednesday, took their second defeat in four days when they were beaten 1-0 at home by newly-promoted Vitesse in the Dutch First Division yesterday.

Hans van Arum netted in the eighth minute and that proved enough to give Vitesse both points against a PSV side who looked tired after their tough European Cup second round first leg encounter in Romania in which they were beaten 1-0 by Steaua Bucharest.

### BKME blast Hawks

THE Bank of Kuwait & Middle East (BKME) recorded its first win in the Jashanmal Friday League with an easy 74-run victory over Hawks in a match played at the New Ground in Alhadi on Friday.

BKME won the toss and elected to bat. They were given a fine start by openers Ashfaq R. Khan & Salim, who put on 60 runs in 10 overs. Ashfaq was the first to leave, adjudged lbw off the bowling of Vinod for 31. Sheikh Ayub maintained the tempo and with Saleem put on 60 runs for the second wicket before Salim departed, bowled by Jayantilal for 44 (with 3 boundaries). Ayub played a superb innings of 52 and was out trying to quicken the run-rate. His innings contained 2 sixes and 3 fours.

The other BKME batsmen continued to torment the Hawk's bowlers. Sandeep scored a fine 25, Ramesh chipped in with a timely unbeaten 28 which had 2 huge sixes, and Sethi compiled a quick 19 with 3 fours and at the end of 30 overs BKME had piled up a massive 217 for 6 wickets.

For Hawks, Mukesh was the most successful bowler claiming 2 wickets for 45 runs, while Jayantilal, Vinod, Annu and Asghar claimed a wicket each.

Chasing an imposing target of over 7 runs an over, Hawks started quite well. Their openers Prashant and Qaisar put on 38 runs for the first wicket. Ayub broke the partnership when he bowled Qaisar for 13.

Aslam and Prashant then put on a further 38 runs before Aslam was run out by a fine throw from Bastaki for 17. Prashant continued to score freely until he was beaten by a Salim delivery to be bowled for 38. The other batsmen carried on gamely but the target was far beyond them and wickets kept falling at regular intervals. Hawks finally folded for 143.

For BKME, James was the most successful bowler claiming 4 wickets for 37 runs. Saleem, Bastaki, Sethi & Ayub were the other wicket takers with a scalp each.

### Salmiya thrash Bombay

SALMIYA Cricket Club thrashed Bombay Youth by 115 runs in a Bombay Youth Cricket Tournament match at the Kuna ground on Friday.

Salmiya started badly, losing the first five wickets for 44 before they fought back and reached 164 for seven in 25 overs. Aslam Fani played brilliantly and hit 15 fours and three sixes in his 110.

Bombay found the going tough and ran into some very accurate bowling from Waheed and other Salmiya bowlers. Waheed took seven wickets for seven runs as Bombay were all out for 43 runs.

Noel and Sobani bowled well but were unlucky not to get a wicket. Waheed was named Man of the Match.

## Senna disqualified after finishing first Prost wins drivers' championship

SUZUKA, Japan, Oct 22. (Reuters): Frenchman Alain Prost won the World Drivers' Championship for the third time in sensational circumstances today when his McLaren team-mate and great rival, defending champion Ayrton Senna, was disqualified after finishing first in the Japanese Grand Prix.

Prost, who crashed out of the race after a controversial collision with Senna on the 47th lap of the 53-lap race, claimed the title through Senna's disqualification.

When the race ended it appeared Senna had been declared the winner as he celebrated after taking the chequered flag.

But a stewards inquiry immediately after the race was followed by celebrations in the Benetton pits when Italian Alessandro Nannini, who followed Senna home, was declared the winner.

The victory was Nannini's first in Formula One and the first for the Benetton team this season, but the Italian driver admitted he would have preferred a "complete victory" as his first, "but a win is a win," he said.

The race was dominated by the duel between the McLaren pair however and at the end of the afternoon it was ironic that neither of the feuding team-mates who have not spoken directly to each other for six months appeared on the rostrum on the day the championship was settled.

Prost had led from the start after outpacing pole man Senna off the grid and, apart from three laps following his pit stop when Senna briefly led the race, appeared to be heading for a narrow but deserved victory.

Then came the 47th lap with Senna only 0.5 seconds behind and sticking close to the Frenchman as they approached the chicane.

Prost unexpectedly moved on to a wide line to take the first corner and this move gave the Brazilian his chance to attempt to pass under braking.

As he tried to force his way through Prost closed the gap and they collided and ran off. Prost abandoned his car but Senna — with some help from the marshalls who pushed his car — restarted and rejoined the race without going through the chicane.

He drove on with a damaged nose cone, his McLaren's front wing trailing on the ground and after a pit stop for a replacement attacked again, passing Nannini to claim the lead again just two laps from the chequered flag.

The incident at the chicane when Senna was restarted after his collision was the cause of his disqualification, the officials said afterwards.

Nannini was declared the winner with Italian Riccardo Patrese in a Williams second and his team-mate Belgian Thierry Boutsen third.

Nelson Piquet of Brazil finished fourth in a Lotus ahead of Britons Martin Brundle in a Brabham and Derek Warwick in an Arrows.

McLaren director Creighton Brown said his Formula One motor racing team would appeal on behalf of Senna.

Brown said the team were appealing on the Brazilian's behalf to try and gain a McLaren victory and not to deprive Prost of the third world title which his team-mate's disqualification had given him.



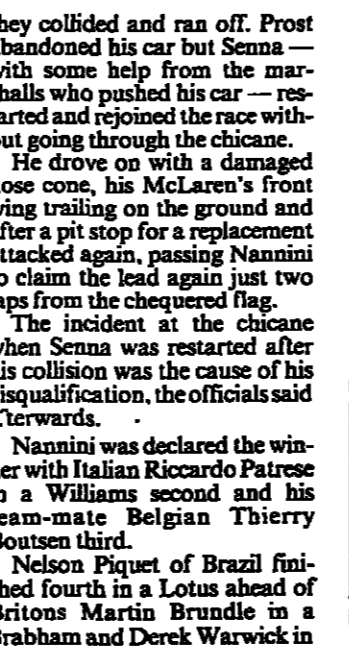
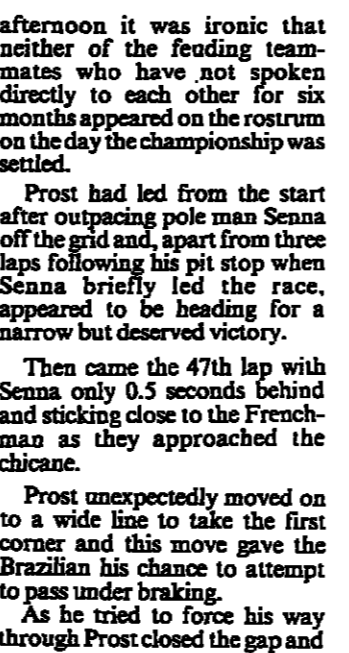
Prost gets up to abandon his Honda-McLaren after colliding with Senna. (Reuters wirephoto)



Alain Prost's Honda-McLaren leads the way at the start of the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



Prost talks to reporters after abandoning the race. (Reuters wirephoto)



## Four-man attack destroys Liverpool

LONDON, Oct 22. (Reuters): Southampton manager Chris Nicholl fulfilled an unlikely promise yesterday — routing the pride of English football with a young side packed with firepower.

Nicholl, hardly a manager renowned for his tactical acumen, predicted that his team brandishing four strikers would overrun League leaders Liverpool. And so it proved.

Liverpool's 4-1 defeat, which cost them the First Division leadership, not only represented their first defeat in the League this season. It was also their heaviest League defeat since they conceded four goals at Luton three years ago.

Two goals from lively little winger Rodney Wallace and other strikes from Paul Rideout and Matthew Le Tissier earned Southampton some revenge for the two defeats they suffered against Liverpool last season.

"We got some terrific goals and played some quality football," said Nicholl after the victory. But the result was clearly no surprise to the former Aston Villa and Southampton centre back who had said before the game: "The way we're playing at the moment we have no need to fear anyone."

"We're playing 4-2-4 because it's a way I believe in and I believe we can beat Liverpool playing that way. I'm convinced they will do what I ask on Saturday."

Fielding a side with only four players over 22, Southampton adapted to the blustery conditions far better than their visitors and ripped through Liverpool's defences at will.

They could have scored twice as many in the clash between the two highest-scoring teams in the First Division.

Rideout struck first after 25 minutes with a near-post header before Wallace scored either side of half-time.

Liverpool's England striker Peter Beardsley reduced the deficit from the penalty spot on the hour but brilliant winger Le Tissier completed the tally six minutes from time as Southampton hauled themselves from sixth to third in the table, level on points with Liverpool and one adrift of new leaders Everton.

The result stretched Southampton's unbeaten run to nine games but Liverpool never threatened and manager Kenny Dalglish slammed his team's performance as "unacceptable."

"We started badly and got progressively worse. We hardly made a contribution and we have to try ensure it doesn't happen again," he said. "We can't afford to let it happen again."

Everton had two-goal hero Pat Nevin to thank for their 3-0 win over champions Arsenal which took them back to the top.

The Scottish international winger scored six minutes before half-time and eight minutes from the end to secure the points for his side in a thrilling match. Neil McDonald snatched the third as Arsenal slumped to their second League defeat in four days.

Welsh international Mark Hughes scored twice as Manchester United eased their problems with a 4-1 win at Coventry and England striker Gary Lineker notched a pair as Tottenham recorded their fourth successive win by crushing bottom club Sheffield Wednesday 3-0.

## World Series threatened

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 22. (AP): Rain forced the San Francisco Giants to cancel practice yesterday and caused the Oakland Athletics to cut their short, and commissioner Fay Vincent admitted the World Series might get called off, too.

"It's not likely, but it's possible," Vincent said in a 30-minute interview with the Associated Press. "We can't wait forever. We can't just tread water."

The National Weather Service forecast showers into early next week. Game 3 is tentatively set for Tuesday, following a week's layoff after a disastrous earthquake struck the Bay Area.

Vincent said other factors — more than the storm system — would likely determine whether the series resumes.

If Candlestick Park is not certified as safe or if the mayors in San Francisco and Oakland are strongly against playing baseball, Vincent said, the Series could be over.

"If it's not the right thing to do, it will be cancelled," he said. "We will not move the series out of the Bay Area. I can guarantee that."

The Oakland Athletics lead the Giants 2-0. City officials will inspect Candlestick tomorrow to see whether it is safe.

Vincent has not spoken to the local mayors since the tragedy — "they have more important things to do than worry about baseball," he said — and hoped to talk with them either today or tomorrow.

## Cottar outlast Exiles

ALTHOUGH very early into the season the contest between "Cottar Hoose" and "Exiles" is going to be an extremely difficult one to match up to, a total of 17 high scores were recorded on the night, this only being surpassed last season by "Straight-As-Dia" v "Cunninglinguist" with 20 and "Tanker Co" v "Exiles" with 18.

The outstanding game of the evening was between Martin Rix 5HS including 140 and Tony Robinson 3HS and a 102 finish to decide the final leg. Dave Robinson chipped in with 3HS and Marshall Byers joins the 140 Club. The eventful outcome was a 4-2 victory for Cottar Hoose.

In direct contrast "Campanologists" continuing their down tone were comprehensively beaten by "Baggs" with a 6-0 whitewash for the men and 3-1 defeat for the Ladies. It was suggested that the fun loving rope pullers were better suited playing golf as low scores are the order of the day.

The much awaited re-match from last season between Ian Thomas and Ken Edwards resulted in just revenge for the latter. The only bright note for the luckless Camps was a 140 for Brian Mitchelson.

"Brahms and Liszt" with their under-strength side went down against "Tyne Tees PP" 5-1 with Val Pond once again stepping in for the mens team. Andy Wilson hitting 5HS including 2x140 and Stuart Skelhorn join the ever growing 140 Club. The well packaged "Feather Lights" manage to make amends for the mens team by winning 3-1 against the "Teasers."

"Ragamuffins" coming from behind took the last three games to end up with a well deserved draw against "T.C.F." who seemed to have taken the water after going three up. Yet one more 140 Club member is Alan Walker.

"Star of the Year" fell flat against those cellulose glossies from a by-gone era "Monroe's" 6-0, their ladies team "Marilyn's" proving equally formidable winning 3-1.

Monday's Darts League full results were as follows:

Cottar Hoose 4, Exiles 2

Ragamuffins 3, T.C.F. 2

Monroes 6(3), Star of the Year 0(1)

Baggs 6(3), Camps 0(1)

Tyne Tees PP 5(1), Brahms & Liszt 1(3)

Discover gold

Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

## SPORTS

# Gooch leads England to victory over Pakistan

CUTTACK, India, Oct. 22. (Reuters): Graham Gooch's resplendent England cricket team made almost certain of reaching the semifinals of the six-nation Nehru Cup tournament with a four-wicket win over Pakistan today.

Pakistan, who won the toss and decided to bat, were pinned down by some accurate England pace bowling and managed only

a modest 148 for nine in their 50 overs.

England also found the going difficult on a pitch which gave the bowlers considerable assistance, but they completed victory at 149 for six with almost seven overs to spare.

Hammered 4-0 by Australia in the recent Ashes series and rocked by defections to a rebel squad to tour South Africa,

England topped a Pakistan team which arrived only yesterday after comprehensively winning last week's Sharjah Cup tournament.

Opening batsman Gooch won the Man of the Match award, but it was for his efforts as a bowler. In 10 overs with his gentle off-cutters he conceded only 19 runs and took three wickets which wrecked the Pakistan middle

order.

Among his victims was their leading batsman Javed Miandad, bowled for 14 by a superb ball which cut back from the off to take his leg stump.

He then added the wickets of Salim Yousuf and Wasim Akram in one over to halt Pakistan hopes of increasing the run rate.

Only Salim Malik, top scorer

with 42, batted with any confidence before he played a terrible stroke and was bowled by paceman Gladstone Small.

England suffered two early setbacks when openers Wayne Larkins and Gooch fell to Wasim Akram with only 21 on the board, but a bright 42 from Allan Lamb and 31 from Alec Stewart ensured their side's third successive victory in the tournament.

## Scoreboard

### PAKISTAN:

Shoaib Mohammad c Cook b Capel 3

Shahid Saeed b Capel 5

Ejaz Ahmed c Cook 15

Javed Miandad b Gooch 14

Salim Malik b Small 42

Inam Khan not out 19

Salim Yousuf c Lamb b Gooch 5

Abed Qadir c Russell b Cook 13

Wasim Akram b Gooch 0

Mashtaq Ahmed not out 9

Wasim Yousuf not out 4

Extras (b-5 lb-3 w-2) 18

Total (nine wickets - 50 overs) 148

Fall of wickets: 1-8 2-15 3-37 4-53

5-107 6-111, 7-128 8-128 9-132

Bowling: Fraser 10-3-15-4, Capel

8-2-16-2, Small 10-2-29-1, Gooch 10-

4-19-3, Cook 10-0-43-2, Hemmings 4-

0-13-1

ENGLAND:

G. Gooch b Akram 7

W. Larkins c Miandad b Akram 0

R. Smith c Miandad b Mashtaq 19

A. Lamb b Malik 42

A. Stewart c Miandad b Qadir 31

D. Capel not out 13

J. Russell not out 6

G. Small not out 0

Extras (b-5 lb-4 w-8) 34

Total (six wickets - 43.2 overs) 149

Fall of wickets: 1-1 2-21 3-48 4-58

5-139 6-148

Did not bat: N. Cook, A. Fraser, E. Hemmings

Bowling: Akram 10-1-32-2, Wasim

10-1-30-4, Qadir 9-2-29-1, Ahmed

6-2-25-1, Malik 2-0-9-1, Inam 6-1-

12-0

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Hubara bridge

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

N/S

1. Aurora & S. Singh

2. Nabil Akel & Chaudhry

3. Fuad Ibrahim & Rasim

E/W

1. Mrs Sapre & Shah

2. Lolli Murthwaite & Dona

Materny

3. Mrs Periera & D'Souza

Italian results

ROME, Oct. 22. (Reuters): Results of

Italian First Division soccer matches

today:

Atalanta 1 Acoli 0

Cesena 2 Udinese 1

Fiorantina 2 Sampdoria 1

Genoa 2 Juventus 1

Verona 1 Cremonese 0

Lazio 3 Bologna 1

Lecco 1 Bari 1

AC Milan 1 Roma 0

Napoli 2 Inter 0

Graf triumphs

ZURICH, Oct. 22. (Reuters): Top

seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany

beat Czechoslovak Jana Novotna

seeded fifth 6-1 7-6 (8-6) in the singles

final of the \$250,000 Women's

European Indoors Tennis Cham-

ionships today.

Maleeva wins

BAYONNE, France, Oct. 22. (AP):

Third-seeded Katerina Maleeva of

Bulgaria upset No. 1 seed Conchita

Martinez of Spain, 6-2, 6-2, today to

win the \$100,000 Bayonne women's

tennis tournament.

Chinese star

SEOUL, Oct. 22. (UPI): Miss Jiao

Zhimin of China, a former world

champion of women's table tennis,

arrived in Seoul today for a wedding

ceremony with Ahn Jae-Hyung of

South Korea, another well known

table tennis player, after five years of

romance.

Skate America

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 22. (AP):

Christopher Bowman of the United

States came from behind yesterday to

upset reigning world champion Kurt

Browning of Canada and win the

men's title at Skate America. Miai

Usova and Alexander Zhulin of the

Soviet Union swept all three events in

the ice dancing competition.

Americans April Sargent and Russ

Witherby were second, followed by

Jo-Anne Borlase and Martin Smith

of Canada.

First victory

TOKYO, Oct. 22. (Reuters): Aus-

tralian Roger Mackay scored his first

victory in Japan after posting a four-

round total of 277 in the Bridgestone

golf tournament today.

Portuguese Open

QUINTO DO LAGO, Portugal, Oct.

22. (Reuters): Britain's Colin Mon-

gomery maintained his four-stroke

lead with a third round 69 in the

Portuguese Open golf championship

yesterday despite being stung by a

bee at the eighth hole.

# India edge Sri Lanka

## Sidhu takes Man of The Match award

AHMEDABAD, India, Oct. 22. (Reuters): Sri Lanka, who three days ago beat West Indies in a one-day match for the first time, gave India a fright today before the host country snatched a six-run victory in the six-nation Nehru Cup cricket tournament.

After India had posted 227 for eight in their 50 overs, Asanka Gurusinghe led superb challenge by the youngest of the Test-playing nations with a fighting 83.

Fine bowling by Kapil Dev, looking faster than he has for some time, brought him two wickets in the final overs and ended the Sri Lankan victory bid. They were all out for 211 with two deliveries left.

India's innings was anchored by Navjot Sidhu, whom Sri Lanka were unable to contain on a pitch which gave the bowlers little assistance.

Coming to the crease after opener Raman Lamba had been dismissed for 11, Sidhu batted with increasing confidence with a fine array of strokes to make 80 before he was run out in the final chase for runs.

Sidhu won the Man of the Match award, but he shared the spotlight with Gurusinghe, who hit six fours as Sri Lanka made a determined bid for victory.



Navjot Sidhu

Three wickets by Manoj Prabhakar at the cost of 34 runs and Kapil Dev's three for 26 narrowly thwarted their challenge.

Paceman Ravi Ratnayake was

the most successful of Sri Lanka's attack, finishing with three for 35 from his 10 overs, but it was an appeal by skipper Arjuna Ranatunga when bowling to Mohinder Amarnath which drew most attention.

Amarnath, for reasons known only to himself, kicked the ball away after playing it and was given out for obstructing the field by Pakistani umpire Khizer Hyatt.

Television replays of the match showed Amarnath playing forward to a full-length delivery from Ratnayake and setting off as the ball trickled down the pitch.

## Scoreboard

INDIA

K. Srikkanth c Ranatunga b Wijegun-

awardena 16

R. Lamba c Ranatunga b Rat-

nayake 11

N. Sidhu run out 80

M. Amarnath out for obstructing the

field 28

M. Azharuddin b Ratnayake 26

Kapil Dev run out 6

R. Shastri c Tilakaratne b Labrooy 22

A. Sharma c Gurusinghe b Rat-

nayake 6

E. Menezes not out 11

H. Prabhakar not out 11

Extras (b-4 lb-5 w-5) 14

Total (eight wickets - 50 overs) 227

Fall of wickets: 1-24 2-34 3-95

4-168 5-176 6-199 7-208 8-209

Did not bat: A. Ayub

Bowling: Ratnayake 10-1-35-3,

Labrooy 10-1-35-4, Wijegunawardena

10-0-60-1, Ranatunga 10-0-49-0,

Asoka de Silva 10-0-39-0

SRI LANKA

R. Mahanama, c Sidhu b Prabhakar

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R. Karunaratne b Kapil Dev 9

A. Gurusinghe b Prabhakar 53

Arjuna de Silva c and b Ayub 20

A. Ranatunga c Kapil Dev b Shastri 7

A. Samarasekera c and b Shastri 22

H. Tilakaratne run out 11

G. Labrooy b Prabhakar 25

R. Ratnayake c Lamba b Kapil Dev 20

Asoka de Silva not out 1

K. Vijayawardena b Kapil Dev 0

Extras (b-7 w-4) 11

Total (49.4 overs) 221

Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-34 3-72 4-87

5-137 6-161 7-186 8-220 9-220

Bowling: Kapil Dev 8.4-2-26-3,

Prabhakar 9-2-34-3, Amarnath 4-0-

20-0, A. Sharma 4-0-30-0, Shastri

10-0-47-2, Ayub 10-0-31-1, Srikkanth

4-0-26-0

Result: India by six runs.

Man of the match: Navjot Sidhu.

Standings

Standing in the six-nation Nehru

Cup cricket tournament after India

beat Sri Lanka and England beat

Pakistan today (tabulate under mat-

ches played, won, lost points):

England 3 3 0 12

Sri Lanka 3 1 2 4

Australia 2 1 1 4

India 1 1 0 4

Pakistan 1 0 1 0

West Indies 2 0 2 0

# Chung clinches Sheikh Sabah Trophy

K.H. CHUNG, the Kuwait national team table tennis coach, burst through the field with a superb round of golf to win the Sheikh Sabah Trophy on Friday at the Hunting and Equestrian club.

This annual event is held to contest for the trophy donated by His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister who has been a stern supporter of golf in Kuwait for many years.

A field of fifty six players turned out for this event and enjoyed fine weather, despite the strong southerly winds which added further challenge to the difficulty of the course.

Using the Stableford scoring system where bogie scores one point, two for par, three for bir-



All the winners with their trophies

die and four for eagle, K. H. Chung (8) scored 43 points to win this contest which included in his

round 3 birdies and 13 pars. In second place Maurice Wallace (18) scored 41 points

and took the runner-up spot on a count back from H.S. Nam also with 41 points.

Fourth place was won on a count back by Tony Jashanmal (10) from Adnan Assaf (5) both with 40 points.

There were ten other players who were under par in this contest.

In side competition, Adnan Assaf won the longest drive cup on the par 4 sixteenth, while for the women Valentine Hedenstrom won the ladies longest drive contest on the par 4 tenth.

Nearest to the pin contest was won by R. K. Sethi on the par 3 thirteenth.

Mohammed Majid Al Shaheen general manager of the H&E Club presented the prizes to the winners.

# Sheikh Fahd witnesses full rehearsal

THE Deputy Chairman of the Peace and Friendship Games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and members of the organising committee yesterday witnessed a full rehearsal of the inauguration ceremony of the Games. The rehearsal was held at Kazma stadium where the inauguration will take place on Oct. 30.

Sheikh Fahd praised the great efforts exerted by the inauguration committee and the students of the Education Ministry. Several hundred students will stage a display on the opening day and closing of the Games in which 45 Islamic countries will take part.

In response to Sheikh Fahd's call to lift penalties imposed on Kuwaiti players on the occasion of the Sportsmen Day, to coincide with the opening of the Games on Oct. 30, the president of the Kuwait Boxing and Weightlifting Association, Sheikh Mubarak Jaber Al Ali announced that the Association has lifted all penalties on its players.

Three handball teams due to take part in the Peace and Friendship Games, will arrive in Kuwait tomorrow. Teams of Mali, Senegal and Burkina Faso will arrive tomorrow evening aboard KAC flights. The Moroccan and Algerian handball teams will arrive on Oct. 27 while the Turkish team will arrive Oct. 31.

The vice-president of the Kuwaiti Handball Federation, Sheikh Ahmed Fahd Al Ahmed announced that training sessions for the handball teams that arrive



A Kuwaiti handball player tries to score a goal.



An action shot of Kuwait's volleyball match.

early will be held. He said that the Kuwaiti Handball Federation will utilise the presence of several foreign teams in Kuwait for playing friendly matches and will invite the teams participating in Peace and Friendship Games to play with those teams. He said that the main objective of the Games is not winning or losing and that's why these teams will be allowed to practice freely.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait national handball team beat a strong Yugoslav club 23/21 in a friendly match in preparation for the Games. The first half ended 11/9 for Kuwait. Kuwait's coach Zoran tried several players as this was the first friendly to be played by the national team. The two teams will play their second match today, Monday at 5 pm at Al Arabi stadium.

Zoran expressed satisfaction over the standard of the national team. He said that they applied

both offensive and defensive tactics accurately in spite of the fact that four main players were absent.

But the Kuwait volleyball team which played its second match against the Bulgarian Army team, lost 3-1. This is their second consecutive defeat at the hands of the Bulgarian team. The first match ended 3/2. The result of the match was 6/15, 15/7, 15/3 and 15/9. The national team did not live up to expectations and the whole match ended in just 81 minutes. In the first trial match, Kuwait team played better with fewer mistakes. The two teams will meet in other matches during the next few days.

The Iraqi basketball team arrived in Kuwait yesterday to play three friendly matches with the Kuwait national basketball team, also in preparation for the Games. The Kuwaiti and Iraqi teams will